

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

AGENDA

**November 27, 2023 7:00 pm
City Council Chambers, City Hall
60 Pleasant Street, Newburyport**

Tax Classification Hearing 6:45 pm

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- 1. MOMENT OF SILENCE
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- 3. CALL TO ORDER
- 4. LATE FILE
- 5. PUBLIC COMMENT
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CONSENT AGENDA

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7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- November 13, 2023 (Approve)

8. COMMUNICATIONS

- COMM00519_11_27_2023 William Lloyd Garrison Proclamation (GG)

9. TRANSFERS

10. APPOINTMENTS

- APPT00443_11_27_2023 Jeanette Isabella 100 Water St. COA 01/01/2027
- APPT00444_11_27_2023 Jennifer M. Bluestein 190A High St. CPC Rep from PB 12/10/2023 (P&D)

ALL ITEMS NOTED BELOW ARE REMOVED FROM THEIR RESPECTIVE COMMITTEES WITH THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA

BUDGET & FINANCE

- ORDR00506_11_13_2023 FY2024 Tax Rate Order (COTW)
- ORDR00507_11_13_2023 FY2024 Residential Factor Order (COTW)
- ORDR00508_11_13_2023 Approval to Pay Prior Year Bills
- ORDR00509_11_13_2023 Gift Acceptance Form Belleville Improvement Society \$895.00
- TRAN00175_11_13_2023 Mayor: General Fund Free Cash \$550,527.37 to Fire Boat Purchase \$550,527.37
- TRAN00176_11_13_2023 Mayor: General Fund Free Cash \$280,978 to
General Fund Budget Reserve \$280,978 *Revised*

PUBLIC WORKS & SERVICES

- COMM00516_11_13_2023

Snow and Ice Plan 2023-2024

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

REGULAR AGENDA

9. MAYOR'S UPDATE

10. FIRST READING APPOINTMENTS

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13. SECOND READING APPOINTMENTS

- APPT00442_11_13_2023 Laura Thibault 8 Kent St. Cultural Council 12/15/2026

14. ORDERS

- ORDR00512_11_27_2023 Gift Acceptance PAARI \$1,000
- ORDR00513_11_27_2023 Gift Acceptance FoNT \$15,000
- ORDR00514_11_27_2023 Gift Acceptance City Improvement Society \$25,250
- ORDR00515_11_27_2023 Gift Acceptance Morrill Foundation \$110,000
- ORDR00516_11_27_2023 Gift-Acceptance-Form-MLP-MAAF \$200,000
- ORDR00517_11_27_2023 Gift-Acceptance-Form-MLP-IFS \$50,000
- ORDR00518_11_27_2023 Gift-Acceptance-Form-MLP-NBank \$40,000
- ORDR00519_11_27_2023 Holiday Parking 2023

15. ORDINANCES

- ODNC00129_11_01_2022 **2nd Reading** Defining Conflict Rule for Dept. Heads (COTW)
- ODNC00157_06_12_2023 **2nd Reading** Public Art Policy (COTW)
- ODNC00146_03_13_2023 **2nd Reading** Amend Ch 2-34 Responsibilities of Cmte on Community Services

16. COMMITTEE ITEMS

Budget & Finance

In Committee:

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- ORDR00508 11 13 2023 Approval to Pay Prior Year Bills
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(Atkinson Common Request only all other matters adjudicated)

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In Committee:

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- APPT00439_11_13_2023 Aine Greaney Ellrott 43 Purchase St. Emma Andrews Lib. Comm. 12/15/2026
- APPT00440_11_13_2023 Elizabeth Valeriani 29 Oak St. Emma Andrews Lib. Comm. 12/15/2026
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- ORDR00474_07_10_2023 Plan Approval Bartlett Mall Improvement Project (COTW)
- ORDR00510_11_13_2023 Public Art Committee Rules and Regulations

General Government

In Committee:

- COMM00461_02_27_2023 Brown School Gymnasium Considerations (COTW)
- COMM00468_03_13_2023 Brown School Proposal (COTW)
- ORDR239_02_8_2021 Council Rule 7 and 10B

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Planning & Development

In Committee:

- COMM00494_07_10_2023 Planning Board Advisory Report STRU (COTW)
- COMM00500_08_28_2023 STRU Planning Board Final Report (COTW)
- ODNC00164_10_30_2023 Zoning-Amendment-Global-R3-Multi-Family(COTW)

Public Works & Safety

In Committee:

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1. MOMENT OF SILENCE
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3. CALL TO ORDER

7:00 pm the City Clerk called the roll; the following City Councillors answered present: Wallace, Wright, Zeid, Cameron, Donahue, Khan, Lane, McCauley, Preston, Vogel, and Shand. 11 present, 2 remote (Wallace, Lane).

4. LATE FILE

- COMM00518_11_13_2023 Hanukkah Menorah Market Sq. Congregation Ahavas Achim
- ODNC00157_06_12_2023 Public Art Policy (COTW)

Motion to waive the rules and accept the late files by Councillor Zeid, seconded by Councillor McCauley. Roll call vote. 11 yes. Motion passes.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Kelly Page 6 Bowlen Ave.
Brian Callahan 29 Warren St.
Andrea Weetman 183 High St.
Owen Smith 175 Storey Ave.
Alison Odle 25 Juniper St. Exeter, NH
Mark Audette 12 First St. Salisbury

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- October 30, 2023 (Approve)

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- COMM00517_11_13_2023 AHT Letter to Mayor Reardon re Brown School (R&F)

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GENERAL GOVERNMENT

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LICENSES & PERMITS

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- APPL00164_10_30_2023 Movable sign application Cookie Jar Kitchen at Winter St. & Washington St.
- COMM00510_10_30_2023 Shanties request for an extension in pop-up park
- COMM00512_10_30_2023 Newburyport Horticultural Society fundraising table in Market Sq.
12/9 and 12/10 10am-1pm

APPT00437_10_30_2023 is removed from the Consent Agenda at the request of Councillor McCauley.
Motion to approve the Consent Agenda by Councillor Zeid, seconded by Councillor McCauley. Roll call vote. 11 yes.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

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9. MAYOR'S UPDATE

Motion to receive and file by Councillor Zeid, seconded by Councillor Donahue. Roll call vote. 11 yes. Motion passes.

10. FIRST READING APPOINTMENTS

11. COMMUNICATIONS

- APPL00166_11_13_2023 Santa Parade 11/26/2023 3pm-4:30pm

Motion to waive the rules, declare an emergency, and approve by Councillor Vogel, seconded by Councillor McCauley. Roll call vote. 11 yes. Motion passes.

- COMM00518_11_13_202 3 Hanukkah Menorah Market Sq. Congregation Ahavas Achim

Motion to waive the rules, declare an emergency, and approve by Councillor Vogel, seconded by Councillor Khan. Roll call vote. 11 yes. Motion passes.

12. TRANSFERS

13. SECOND READING APPOINTMENTS

14. ORDERS

- ORDR00505_11_13_2023 Gift Acceptance Nock Tennis Courts \$21,195.00

Motion to collectively refer ORDR00505 and ORDR00508 to Budget & Finance, ORDR00506 and ORDR00507 to Budget & Finance & COTW, and ORDR00510 to Community Services by Councillor Zeid, seconded by Councillor McCauley. Roll call vote 11 yes.

- ORDR00506_11_13_2023 FY2024 Tax Rate Order

Motion to collectively refer ORDR00505 and ORDR00508 to Budget & Finance, ORDR00506 and ORDR00507 to Budget & Finance & COTW, and ORDR00510 to Community Services by Councillor Zeid, seconded by Councillor McCauley. Roll call vote 11 yes.

- ORDR00507_11_13_2023 FY2024 Residential Factor Order

Motion to collectively refer ORDR00505 and ORDR00508 to Budget & Finance, ORDR00506 and ORDR00507 to Budget & Finance & COTW, and ORDR00510 to Community Services by Councillor Zeid, seconded by Councillor McCauley. Roll call vote 11 yes.

- ORDR00508_11_13_2023 Approval to Pay Prior Year Bills

Motion to collectively refer ORDR00505 and ORDR00508 to Budget & Finance, ORDR00506 and ORDR00507 to Budget & Finance & COTW, and ORDR00510 to Community Services by Councillor Zeid, seconded by Councillor McCauley. Roll call vote 11 yes.

- ORDR00509_11_13_2023 Gift Acceptance Form Belleville Improvement Society \$895.00

Councillor Wallace recused. Motion to collectively refer to Budget & Finance by Councillor Zeid, seconded by Councillor McCauley. Roll call vote 10 yes, 1 recused (Wallace).

- ORDR00510_11_13_2023 Public Art Committee Rules and Regulations

Motion to collectively refer ORDR00505 and ORDR00508 to Budget & Finance, ORDR00506 and ORDR00507 to Budget & Finance & COTW, and ORDR00510 to Community Services by Councillor Zeid, seconded by Councillor McCauley. Roll call vote 11 yes.

- ORDR00511_11_13_2023 Pink House Resolution

Motion to waive the rules and declare an emergency by Councillor Cameron, seconded by Councillor Preston. Roll call vote. 11 yes. Motion passes.

Motion to approve by Councillor Cameron, seconded by Councillor Preston. Roll call vote. 11 yes. Motion passes.

15. ORDINANCES

- ODNC00129_11_01_2022 **1st Reading** Defining Conflict Rule for Dept. Heads (COTW)
10/30/2023 Moved to a date certain 11/13/2023

Motion to approve on 1st reading by Councillor Zeid, seconded by Councillor McCauley.

Motion to amend to remove the word "allocation" in section (b) by Councillor Zeid, seconded by Councillor McCauley. Roll call vote. 10 yes, 1 present (Vogel). Motion passes.

Motion to amend to strike (b), noting that it is covered by state law, by Councillor Zeid, seconded by Councillor Preston. Roll call vote. 8 yes, 2 no (Wright, McCauley), 1 present (Vogel). Motion passes.

Motion to approve as amended on 1st reading by Councillor Zeid, seconded by Councillor McCauley. 7 yes, 4 no (Cameron, Donahue, Vogel, Shand). Motion passes.

- ODNC047_01_27_2020 **2nd Reading** General Ordinance - Short Term Rental Units Rules (COTW)
Motion to approve on 2nd Reading by Councillor Zeid, seconded by Councillor McCauley. Roll call vote. 11 yes. Motion passes.
- ODNC00141_02_27_2023 **2nd Reading** Zoning Amendment STRU (COTW)
Motion to approve on 2nd Reading by Councillor Zeid, seconded by Councillor Wright. Roll call vote. 11 yes. Motion passes.
- ODNC00160_08_28_2023 **2nd Reading** Zoning Amendment Business Park Indoor Outdoor Rec (COTW)
Motion to approve on 2nd Reading by Councillor Wright, seconded by Councillor McCauley. Roll call vote. 11 yes. Motion passes.
- ODNC00161_10_16_2023 **2nd Reading** Pleasant Street 15 min parking space
Motion to collectively approve ODNC00161, ODNC00162, and ODNC00163 on 2nd Reading by Councillor McCauley, seconded by Councillor Cameron. Roll call vote. 11 yes. Motion passes.
- ODNC00162_10_16_2023 **2nd Reading** Amended Parking Restrictions on Toppans Lane
Motion to collectively approve ODNC00161, ODNC00162, and ODNC00163 on 2nd Reading by Councillor McCauley, seconded by Councillor Cameron. Roll call vote. 11 yes. Motion passes.
- ODNC00163_10_16_2023 **2nd Reading** Federal St. HP Space
Motion to collectively approve ODNC00161, ODNC00162, and ODNC00163 on 2nd Reading by Councillor McCauley, seconded by Councillor Cameron. Roll call vote. 11 yes. Motion passes.

16. COMMITTEE ITEMS

Budget & Finance

In Committee:

- **ORDR00472 06 26 2023** **Streets Sidewalks Loan Order \$6,000,000(COTW)Amended in CMTE 11/9/23**
Motion to approve by Councillor Zeid, seconded by Councillor Wright.
Motion to amend by removing the amendment by Councillor Khan, seconded by Councillor Cameron.
Motion to strike “approved” by Councillor McCauley, seconded by Councillor Zeid. Roll call vote. 9 yes, 2 no (Khan, Vogel). Motion passes.
Motion to amend by removing the amendment which no longer contains the word “approved” by Councillor Khan, seconded by Councillor Cameron. Roll call vote. 9 no, 2 yes (Cameron, Khan). Motion fails.
Motion to approve as amended with the word “approved” stricken by Councillor Zeid, seconded by Councillor Wright. Roll call vote. 11 yes. Motion passes.
- **COMM00514 10 30 2023** **Retirement Board Expense Budget C/Y 2024**
Motion to receive and file by Councillor Zeid, seconded by Councillor Wright. Roll call vote. 11 yes. Motion passes.
- **TRAN00171 10 30 2023** **DPS: Water Retained Earnings \$130,000 to**
Water 1-Ton Dump truck Purchase \$130,000
Motion to collectively approve TRAN00171 and TRAN00172 by Councillor Zeid, seconded by Councillor Wright. Roll call vote. 11 yes. Motion passes.
- **TRAN00172 10 30 2023** **Mayor: General Fund Free Cash \$128,485.01 to**
Opioid Stabilization Fund \$128,485.01
Motion to collectively approve TRAN00171 and TRAN00172 by Councillor Zeid, seconded by Councillor Wright. Roll call vote. 11 yes. Motion passes.
- **TRAN00173 10 30 2023** **Mayor: General Fund Free Cash \$21,395.19, Water Retained Earnings**
\$19,242.17, Sewer Retained Earnings \$54,588.08, and Harbormaster
Retained Earnings \$1,042.90 to Multiple Accounts (attached)
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Motion to approve by Councillor Zeid, seconded by Councillor Wright. Roll call vote. 11 yes. Motion passes.
- **TRAN00174 10 30 2023** **Mayor: Police Accreditation Allowance \$102,599, Budget Contingency**
\$75,103, and Police Technology Stipend \$24,500 to PO Salaries
\$177,906, PO OT \$19,203, and PO Night Differential \$5,093
Motion to approve by Councillor Zeid, seconded by Councillor Cameron. Roll call vote. 11 yes. Motion passes.

- **TRAN00170 10 16 2023** **Mayor: Paid Parking Fund \$12,5000 to HWY Portable Restrooms \$12,500**
Motion to approve by Councillor Zeid, seconded by Councillor Khan. Roll call vote. 11 yes. Motion passes.
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Community Services

In Committee:

- **COMM00513 10 30 2023** **Head Librarian Memo Kevin Bourque**
Motion to approve by Councillor McCauley, seconded by Councillor Preston. Roll call vote. 11 yes. Motion passes.
- APPT00437_10_30_2023 Mary Louise Gagnon 126 Merrimac St. COA 12/1/2026
- **ODNC00157 06 12 2023** **Public Art Policy (COTW) Amended in Cmte 11/9/23**
Motion to approve on 1st reading by Councillor McCauley, seconded by Councillor Preston.
Motion to amend to change (2) from “1 member of the Newburyport Art Association” to 2 residents, and to strike (6) by Councillor McCauley, seconded by Councillor Wright. Roll call vote. 11 yes. Motion passes.
Motion to approve on 1st reading as amended by Councillor McCauley, seconded by Councillor Preston. Roll call vote. 11 yes. Motion passes.
- **COMM00474 04 10 2023** **Newburyport Public Art Policy**
Motion to receive and file by Councillor McCauley, seconded by Councillor Preston. Roll call vote. 11 yes. Motion passes.
- COMM00495_08_14_2023 Ltr from Katherine Moore, Betty LaBaugh, and Brendan & Katy Banovic
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- ORDR00474_07_10_2023 Plan Approval Bartlett Mall Improvement Project (COTW)

General Government

In Committee:

- **ODNC00146 03 13 2023** **Amend Ch 2-34 Responsibilities of Committee on Community Services**
Motion to approve on 1st reading by Councillor Shand, seconded by Councillor Cameron. Roll call vote. 11 yes. Motion passes.
- **COMM00506 09 26 2023** **Memo Brown School EOIs (COTW)**
Motion to receive and file by Councilor Shand, seconded by Councillor Vogel. Roll call vote. 11 yes. Motion passes.
- COMM00461_02_27_2023 Brown School Gymnasium Considerations (COTW)
- COMM00468_03_13_2023 Brown School Proposal (COTW)
- ORDR239_02_8_2021 Council Rule 7 and 10B

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- **APPL00165 10 30 2023** **Non-Profit Pop-Up Park 12/2, 12/3, 12/16, 12/17 10am-4pm**
Motion to approve by Councilor Vogel, seconded by Councillor Cameron. Roll call vote. 11 yes. Motion passes.
- **APPL00164 10 30 2023** **Movable sign application Cookie Jar Kitchen at Winter St. & Washington St.**
Motion to approve by Councilor Vogel, seconded by Councillor Preston. Roll call vote. 10 yes, 1 no (Donahue). Motion passes.
- **COMM00510 10 30 2023** **Shanties request for an extension in pop-up park**
Motion to approve by Councilor Vogel, seconded by Councillor Preston. Roll call vote. 11 yes. Motion passes.
- **COMM00512 10 30 2023** **Newburyport Horticultural Society fundraising table in Market Sq. 12/9 and 12/10 10am-1pm**
Motion to approve by Councilor Vogel, seconded by Councillor Preston. Roll call vote. 11 yes. Motion passes.

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18. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 9:17pm by Councilor Zeid, seconded by Councillor McCauley. Roll call vote. 11 yes. Motion passes.

COMMUNICATIONS

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Newburyport is the birthplace of William Lloyd Garrison, a 19th-century abolitionist, journalist, and suffragist; and

WHEREAS, Black abolitionists influenced Garrison, were critical to the success of the abolition movement, and should also be publicly celebrated, including Newburyport's Caesar Sarter, Nancy Prince, Andrew Raymond, and others; and

WHEREAS, Today, the City of Newburyport acknowledges that many 18th- and 19th-century Newburyporters hindered abolitionists, and thus hindered human rights and social justice; and

WHEREAS, December 10, 2023, marks the 218th anniversary of Garrison's birthday and is International Human Rights Day; and

WHEREAS, The annual William Lloyd Garrison Lecture raises awareness about the goals of abolitionists and their relation to today's contentious issues, especially concerning race, gender, class, and inclusion.

NOW, THEREFORE, do I, Sean R. Reardon, Mayor of the City of Newburyport, Massachusetts, hereby proclaim the week of December 4th to the 10th, 2023, as **Human Rights and Anti-Oppression Education Week.**

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Newburyport, Massachusetts to be affixed this 27th Day of November 2023.

Given under my hand and seal this 27th Day of November in the Year Two Thousand and Twenty-three.



Sean R. Reardon
Sean R. Reardon, Mayor

**APPOINTMENTS
FIRST READING**



CITY OF NEWBURYPORT
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
SEAN R. REARDON, MAYOR

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To: President and Members of the City Council
From: Sean R. Reardon, Mayor
Date: November 27, 2023
Subject: Appointment

I hereby appoint, subject to your approval the following named individual as a member of the Council on Aging. This term will expire on January 1, 2027.

Jeanette Isabella
100 Water Street
Newburyport, MA 01950

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sean R. Reardon".

Jeanette Isabella
100 Water Street
Newburyport, MA 01950
(786) 246-2422

Experience:

Emma Andrews Library Association/Commission Volunteer/Board Member
Friends of the Newburyport Council on Aging
Friends of the Newbury Council on Aging, Past President
Friends of the Salisbury Council on Aging, Past President
Business Owner, Newburyport, MA

References:

Available upon request.

100 Water Street
Newburyport, MA 01950
November 15, 2023

Sean Reardon, Mayor
Newburyport City Hall
Newburyport, MA 01950

Dear Mayor Reardon,

I have learned of an opening on the Newburyport Board of the Council on Aging. I am writing you to express my interest in becoming a member of that Board.

In my 38 years as a Newburyport resident and business owner, I have (and continue to) volunteered in many community projects and entities. My experience with Councils on Aging (COAs) includes, but is not limited to, my current position on the Board of the Friends of the Newburyport Council on Aging. I have also served as President of both the Newbury and Salisbury Friends' boards and continue to actively participate in area COA programs. I believe that this experience and outreach to neighboring COAs would help me serve the COA Board in a variety of ways. My past and current board memberships (including my current position on the Emma Andrews Library Commission) are assets I would love to share with the Newburyport COA Board.

Please let me know if you need any further information from me. I can be reached at 786-246-2422 or at redchair123@comcast.net.

Respectfully,



Jeanette Isabella

To: President and Members of the City Council
From: Sean R. Reardon, Mayor
Date: November 27, 2023
Subject: Appointment

I hereby appoint, subject to your approval, the following named individual as a member of the Community Preservation Committee as a representative of the Planning Board. This term will expire on December 10, 2026.

Jennifer M. Bluestein
190A High Street
Newburyport, MA 01950

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sean R. Reardon". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

JENNIFER M. BLUESTEIN
190A High Street, Newburyport
(571) 249-8909 / jenblue5617@gmail.com

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY:

Jen Bluestein is a seasoned leader of national advocacy, campaign and strategic communications efforts who has spent more than two decades in the non-profit, political and media sectors. Jen has built new organizations and teams from the ground up; managed through crises and opportunities; and nurtured talent at the staff and candidate level.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

The Schusterman Family Philanthropies (Tulsa, OK and Washington, DC) 1/22 - present

Senior Advisor, Policy and Advocacy

- Provide leadership around policy and advocacy priorities in portfolios including Gender & Reproductive Equity, Criminal Justice Reform, Education, Voting Rights and Democracy, etc.

Athena Strategy Partners (Alexandria, VA) 1/21 – 1/22

Consultant, Founder

- Provide strategic, communications, and political insight and support to progressive campaigns, advocacy organizations, and NGOs.
- Clients include Giffords, Arabella Advisors, PL+US, The World Health Organization Foundation, The Democratic Party of VA, among others.

NARAL Pro-Choice America (Washington, DC) 6/2019 – 12/20

Managing Director

- Responsible for Program, Development, Research & Communications, and Human Resources teams. Direct Reports include Chief Research & Communications Officer, Chief Campaigns and Advocacy Officer, Chief Development Officer, and the Vice President for Human Resources.
- Responsible for enterprise-wide efforts including stewarding Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Efforts, strengthening internal communications, and revisioning of internal culture and processes. Launched Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and Continuous Improvement Committees.
- Oversaw overhaul of recruiting, hiring and onboarding practices to align with diversity and equity goals; the majority of staff hired since 10/19 have been non-white or bi-racial, and 50% of the leadership staff hired have been Black women.
- Oversaw March 2020 transition to fully remote organization & program and development shifts necessary for operating during Covid-19 pandemic.
- NARAL has a staff of 112 in 10+ states and a cycle budget of \$32 million for 2020

The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (Washington, DC & Seattle, WA) 3/2013 – 6/2020

Deputy Director, US Policy, Advocacy, and Communications (PAC)

8/2014 – 7/2020

- Staff and manage new team of 11 FTE + consultants dedicated to providing cross-cutting policy, advocacy, and communications towards BMGF US efforts to drive economic and social mobility through k12 education, post-secondary education, early learning, and poverty alleviation.
- Team portfolios included Civil Rights & Equity; high & consistent standards; strategic analytics; communications and media grantmaking; launch of new Early Learning policy & advocacy strategy.

- Lead team in identifying & pursuing new advocacy tactics: digital capacity building; public-facing research; analytics portfolio.
- Liaison to key internal partners including the Office of CEO, Pivotal Ventures, and BGC3, as well as key external partners including other philanthropies, political entities.
- Work closely with other funders of policy and advocacy, including \$20m budget donor collaborative.
- Provide ongoing consultation and guidance to Gates Foundation leadership around political risk & opportunity & participate in working groups in support of numerous high-stakes, high-profile Gates Foundation investments.
- Beginning 2016, consolidate communications functions for all US Programs into new team of 10; co-lead process of laying out five year PAC plan for new K12 education strategy; commence major digital communications analysis & investment project.

Senior Program Office, US Policy, Advocacy, and Communications

3/2013 – 8/2014

- Manage portfolio of grantees focused on creating political and public will for positive changes to K-12 public education including teacher voice groups and diverse national organizations;
- Lead effort to build multi-state & national coalition in support of the implementation of Common Core State Standards; including drafting strategy and assessing risk, recruiting consultants, and assembling coalition; co-lead internal cross-team working group focused on protecting the CCSS; supervise build-out and use of sophisticated modeling and tracking systems to monitor legislation and public opinion related to standards & assessments;

Giffords (Washington, DC and Tucson, AZ)

2/2013 – 7/2013

Senior Advisor

- Recruited by former Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords and retired astronaut and US Navy Capt. Mark Kelly to launch and support the efforts of their new organization to reduce gun violence, Americans for Responsible Solutions (now known as Giffords).
- With Executive Director, articulate strategic vision for organization and identify key opportunities for Giffords and Kelly to use their voices effectively, including coalition opportunities, legislative priorities and testimony, op-eds and interviews, earned media appearances, and media partnerships;
- Directed Communications and media, including message development, media training, recruiting and hiring of consultants and press secretary;
- In ongoing consultative role (7/2013-present), provide political and organizational counsel and co-author opinion pieces in the *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *Glamour*, *USA Today*, and other outlets; advise on brand-building strategy for Gabby Giffords.

EMILY's List (Washington, DC)

5/2010 – 2/2013

Director, Communications and Research

- Supervise research and communications for one of the country's largest political organizations, supporting pro-choice Democratic women nationally and locally; serve on leadership team and provide strategic advice and perspective to President and Board of Directors; liaise with external political, advocacy, and academic partners.
- Rebuilt team of 8-10 plus multiple consultants to expand focus from campaign services to include new priorities around EMILY's List's mission and growth: increased membership, visibility and effectiveness of institutional messages, and brand awareness.
- Co-manager of major national donor research and branding project; also led major research effort, The Impact Project, assessing last six cycles of EL activity and impact as well as impact of EL women in office in key policy areas over the last three decades. Impact Project deliverables contributed to key messaging for EL at the consumer and partner level.
- Launched multiple public affairs campaigns including *Sarah Doesn't Speak For Me*, framing Sarah Palin's political agenda and mobilizing members to take action on behalf of prochoice Democratic women candidates. Campaign expanded EMILY's List membership and small dollar donor pool, received saturated media coverage and won the 2011 "Pollie" Award for best use of comedy.

- In 2011, created the *Stop the War on Women* campaign, which provided an overall framework for EL's strategic goals for the 2012 cycle, raised significant small dollar donations, and added more than 400,000 new members to the EMILY's List community.
- In 2012, created and implemented new message framework for use across organization. *WHY 2012: Women's Historic Year* highlights the record number of EMILY's List members, record number of women candidates, and record amount of money raised for women and led to growth to 2.4 million members. EMILY's List candidates won decisive victories in 2012, yielding the highest number of women in congress in history at that time.

Teach For America (Washington, DC)

4/2006 – 5/2010

Vice President, Political Leadership and Policy and Advocacy Leadership Initiatives (The Public Leadership Initiative)

- Founded two high-profile initiatives designed to engage Teach For America's then 25,000 alumni and corps members in politics, policy, advocacy and organizing;
- Supervised staff of seven and designed and implemented structure providing direction and support to Executive Directors and Directors of Alumni Affairs in 35 regions. Worked closely with communications, public affairs, legal affairs, program, and development teams.
- Created national tracking system based on indicators of political interest and experience; created bi-weekly regional dashboard to track progress of alumni through the "political pipeline" in all regions.
- Between 2006-2010, increased the number of alumni in elected office from 6 to 41 and quadrupled the percentage of alumni who plan to pursue political leadership.
- Established and managed partnerships with key external stakeholders including training organizations, funders and foundations, professional and trade associations, and labor unions.
- Founded affiliated 501(c)4 organization, Leadership for Educational Equity (LEE), recruiting over a quarter of eligible members in first year and establishing interactive website with robust social networking component. Open rates of weekly LEE email were higher than all comparable Teach For America subscriptions;
- Represent leadership initiatives at board meetings and all internal contexts; represent Teach For America externally at political and advocacy conferences and dialogues.

DATA (Debt, AIDS, Trade, Africa)/The ONE Campaign (Washington, DC and NY)

11/2002 – 12/2004

Tour Director, Heart of America: Africa's Future and Ours

- Planned, managed, and supervised promotion of seven-day, seven-state bus tour founder Bono, actors Ashley Judd and Chris Tucker, and African performers and activists, promoting Americans' historic opportunity to change history in Africa, working to inspire the 1/2013 announcement of the Presidents' Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief.
- Responsible for grassroots and elite events, press opportunities and editorial board meetings, and large town-hall events featuring elected officials at the state, local, and federal level, international figures including Lance Armstrong and Warren Buffet, and local activists. Supervised 38 people including DATA staff, principals, advance team, press and technical staff traveling through Nebraska, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky, and Tennessee.
- Tracked progress and reported out to funders, congressional and White House allies, local and national partners.

Consultant, Communications and Advocacy

- Provided communications and advocacy strategy in additional states, including WA, MA, GA, NY, and FL
- Participate in 2004 Democratic National Convention strategy, including events with Bono
- Lead planner of DATA visit coordinating with the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center's Salute to Greatness Awards, including visit to Ebenezer Baptist Church and other grassroots/grasstops strategies

Howard Rubenstein Communications (NYC)

1999 – 2001

Vice President

- Clients included Talk Magazine, The New Republic Magazine, Gotham Magazine, The State of Israel/Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Miramax Films, The Robin Hood Foundation, Phoenix House, The Asian American Business Development Center, The Lower East Side Tenement Museum, the Whitney Museum of American Art, the American Museum of the Moving Image, the Downtown Brooklyn Council, and the Mayor's Office, among others.

Vice President, Publicity and Special Projects, Harper's Magazine	1998
Senior Publicist, The New Yorker Magazine	1997
Press Secretary, NYC Schools Chancellor Rudolph F. Crew	1996
MassChoice (now NARAL Pro-Choice Massachusetts)	1994

POLITICAL CAMPAIGN HIGHLIGHTS:

Fernando Ferrer for Mayor (NYC, NY) 2005

Deputy Campaign Manager/Communications Director. Supervised ten direct reports in communications, press, research, policy, scheduling, and advance; Candidate won the four-way primary to become first Latino mayoral nominee of the Democratic Party in NYC.

Cory Booker for Mayor of Newark (Newark, NJ) 2001 – 2002

Communications Director. Responsible for message development and strategy and all daily press interactions, worked closely with policy, legal, fundraising and field teams, as well as primary aide to candidate for speechwriting and debate preparation and served as a liaison to high-profile local and national surrogates. Candidate received coverage on the Today Show, CNN, FOX, ABC, CBS, NPR, The Economist, the Washington Post, the Wall Street Journal, the New York Times magazine, and Business Week, in addition to local NJ and NY media; endorsements from Newark Star Ledger, NY Post, and NY Times.

Betsy Gotbaum for Public Advocate (New York, NY) 3/2001 – 1/2002

Deputy Campaign Manager/Communications Director. Supervised communications, press, research, scheduling, advance; liaison to fundraising and media consultants. Candidate received the endorsement of the New York Times, the Daily News, Newsday, and the Queens Tribune. Co-lead campaign's response to September 11th attacks; coordinating with city and state agencies and NGOs to establish priorities for Public Advocate's office. Candidate finished first in a five-way primary, first in a run-off primary election, and first in the general election, and was the highest ranking female elected official in NYC's history.

EDUCATION:

AB, Bryn Mawr College, Bryn Mawr, PA. Double Major in English and Art History

Boards and Other Affiliations:

President's Advisory Council, Bryn Mawr College, 2016—2019.

Founding Board Chair, 1996- 2007, Housing Works Used Book Café, NY, NY.

Former Board member, 826 NYC, Brooklyn, NY.

Former steering committee member, Women's Leadership Forum Network of the DNC, 2003-2004

Former Trustee, Commonwealth School, Boston, MA

One of Elle Magazine's "Eight Women with Extraordinary Careers" and featured in the New York Observer's "Thirty Five Most Powerful People in New York Under 35".

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

BEGINNING OF REGULAR AGENDA

**APPOINTMENTS
SECOND READING**

Second Reading Appointments

November 27, 2023

APPT00442_11_13_2023 Laura Thibault 8 Kent St. Cultural Council 12/15/2026



CITY OF NEWBURYPORT
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
SEAN R. REARDON, MAYOR

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NEWBURYPORT, MA

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60 PLEASANT STREET - P.O. Box 550
NEWBURYPORT, MA 01950
.978-465-4413 PHONE
MAYOR@CITYOFNEWBURYPORT.COM

To: President and Members of the City Council
From: Sean R. Reardon, Mayor
Date: November 13, 2023
Subject: Appointment

I hereby appoint, subject to your approval, the following named individual as a member of the Cultural Council. This term will expire on December 15, 2026.

Laura Thibault
8 Kent Street
Newburyport, MA 01950

September 20, 2023

Mayor Sean Reardon
Office of the Mayor
60 Pleasant Street
P.O. Box 550
Newburyport, MA 01950

Attention: Christine Jackson, Executive Assistant to the Mayor

Dear Mayor Reardon,

I am writing to express interest in the volunteer openings on the Newburyport Cultural Council. I moved to Newburyport in June, 2022 and have since been considering ways to become involved in the community. Your call for volunteers caught my attention and after learning more about the mission of the Massachusetts Cultural Council and our local Cultural Council, I would welcome the opportunity to become involved and lend my skills to further this important work.

In particular, my skills in grant writing as a nonprofit leader for many years as well as grant application review through my prior volunteer role on the New Hampshire Women's Foundation Grant Review Committee may be of help for the Council.

Additionally, my strong interest and commitment in ensuring that a wide range of cultural experiences are accessible for all members of Newburyport would lend well to this Council.

I would welcome the opportunity to discuss my interest further.

Sincerely,
Laura Thibault
8 Kent Street, Newburyport, MA 01950
603-254-3341

Laura Thibault
8 Kent Street, Newburyport, MA 01950
603-254-3341
LJThibault@gmail.com

Summary

Dedicated to building capacity through comprehensive fiscal management, strategic planning, staff and leadership development, communications and event planning.

Work Experience

Chief Finance Officer
Director of Special Events
Civix Strategy Group 2015 - Present

Responsible for comprehensive fiscal management and legal compliance for a wide range of clients, including nonprofit, for profit and political organizations.

Civix Strategy Group is a full-service consulting firm helping our clients to build and run high impact campaigns and initiatives to make the world a better place. Our clients include foundations, advocacy groups, non-profit organizations, and labor unions.

Previous Work Experience

10+ years experience leading state based nonprofit organizations in New Hampshire. See [LinkedIn profile](#) for more details.

Previous Volunteer Experience

Board of Trustees, Kingston Community Library 2019 - 2021
Board of Directors, New Hampshire Women's Foundation 2014 - 2017
Founder, Support SAU17 2016 - 2018

ORDERS



CITY OF NEWBURYPORT
GIFT ACCEPTANCE FORM

Ordered, that, the City of Newburyport accepts the following grant in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53A:

Date of Gift:	9/12/2023	
City Department:	Police Department	
Staff Contact:	Inspector Dani Sinclair	
<i>Gift Overview</i>		
Gift Type:	Monetary	
Donor:	Police Assisted Addiction and Recovery Initiative, Inc. (PAARI) https://paariusa.org/	
Purpose:	PAARI provided \$1,000.00 to each police department that participated in a training on the emerging threat of xylazine, an animal sedative that is being mixed into opioids and other stimulants. Funds can be used to purchase supplies for prevention and community policing efforts.	
Gift Amount:	\$1,000.00	
<i>For Office Use Only</i>		
City Council Packet Date:	11/27/2023	
Emergency Measure?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

Councillor Sharif I. Zeid



CITY OF NEWBURYPORT
GIFT ACCEPTANCE FORM

Ordered, that, the City of Newburyport accepts the following grant in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53A:

Date of Gift:	11/17/2023	
City Department:	DPS	
Staff Contact:	Michael Hennessey, Tree Warden	
<i>Gift Overview</i>		
Gift Type:	Monetary	
Donor:	Friends of Newburyport Trees	
Purpose:	It will be used in 2024 for spring planting of approximately 25-30 trees in locations determined by the Tree Commission.	
Gift Amount:	\$15,000.00	
<i>For Office Use Only</i>		
City Council Packet Date:	11/27/2023	
Emergency Measure?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

Councillor Sharif I. Zeid

Friends of Newburyport Trees

Crispin Miller

1 Parker Ridge Way West

Newburyport, MA 01950

Mr. Ethan Manning

Accounting Department

60 Pleasant Street

Newburyport, MA 01950

November 17, 2023

Ethan,

Enclosed is a check to the City – Tree Commission for \$15,000. It will be used in 2024 for planting approximately 25 to 30 trees. The trees will be planted by a contractor in the spring.

Please deposit the money in the Tree Commission Donation Account.

Seasons Greetings

Crispin Miller

Crispin Miller

FRIENDS OF NEWBURYPORT TREES
PO BOX 1155
NEWBURYPORT, MA 01950

53-7150/2113

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DATE 11-17-23



PAY TO THE ORDER OF City of Newburyport \$ 15,000

Ethan Manning DOLLARS



MEMO To Tree Commission Crispin Miller RP

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**CITY OF NEWBURYPORT**
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Date of Gift:	11/21/2023	
City Department:	Mayor's Office	
Staff Contact:	Kim Turner, Manager of Special Projects	
<i>Gift Overview</i>		
Gift Type:	Monetary	
Donor:	The City Improvement Society of Newburyport	
Purpose:	Funding for the Bartlet Mall NW corner improvement project that is currently underway. This generous donation will allow the City to leverage match funds from the state (LWCF grant previously accepted) to complete the extension of the northwest promenade in front of the Superior Courthouse, all the way to Auburn St.	
Gift Amount:	\$25,250.00	
<i>For Office Use Only</i>		
City Council Packet Date:	11/27/2023	
Emergency Measure?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

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City Department:	Mayor's Office	
Staff Contact:	Kim Turner, Manager of Special Projects	
<i>Gift Overview</i>		
Gift Type:	Monetary	
Donor:	The Mayor Gayden W. Morrill Charitable Foundation	
Purpose:	See attached funding directive.	
Gift Amount:	\$110,000.00	
<i>For Office Use Only</i>		
City Council Packet Date:	11/27/2023	
Emergency Measure?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

Councillor Sharif I. Zeid

**ROBERT D. MORRILL
8396 SW SNAPDRAGON COURT
STUART, FLORIDA 34997**

November 17, 2023

**Hon. Sean R. Reardon, Mayor
City of Newburyport
60 Pleasant Street
Newburyport, Massachusetts 01950**

Re: Morrill Foundation Funding Directive

Dear Mr. Mayor,

This letter is to confirm that The Mayor Gayden W. Morrill Charitable Foundation will contribute \$110,000.00 to the City for next year, 2024.

The foundation appreciates the City prioritizing The Bartlet Mall. It's historical record and being a focal point within the City, raises it's importance to the highest level.

During the summer, I noticed a large maple tree at the bottom of the slope along High street at the Bartlet Mall. Last year the foundation designated \$37,000.00 for continuing the slope's restoration at that particular location. That allocation needs to change. It will therefore be redirected to the Mall's granite seating.

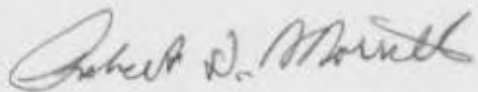
Kim kindly noted on page 8 of the Annual Report that \$2,053.46 was not used for the door on Atkinson Commons Maintenance Building. That money will also be redirected to the Mall's granite seating.

In summary, the foundation is directing a total of \$149,053.46 to be used for the Bartlet Mall's granite seating.

I know that the City Council will have to formally accept these funds at its December meeting. Kindly advise all trustees of their acceptance with the original acceptance letter to our treasurer, Mrs. Julia Morrill Sweet, a check will then be issued for the next year.

In the meantime, we hope that all in Newburyport will have a wonderful Thanksgiving, a Blessed Christmas, and a safe, joyous and prosperous New Year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert D. Morrill". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Robert D. Morrill

cc: James Astle Morrill, Julia Morrill Sweet, James Gayden Morrill, Mary Haslinger, Kimberly Turner, Ted Boretti, Ethan Manning, Jack Grady



CITY OF NEWBURYPORT
GIFT ACCEPTANCE FORM

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Date of Gift:	11/21/2023	
City Department:	Office of Planning & Development	
Staff Contact:	Andrew R. Port, Director of Planning & Development	
<i>Gift Overview</i>		
Gift Type:	Monetary	
Donor:	Mary Alice Arakelian Foundation www.arakelianfoundation.com	
Purpose:	Funds are to be used for the purchase and installation of new site amenities as part of the Market Landing Park Expansion project on the central waterfront.	
Gift Amount:	\$200,000	
<i>For Office Use Only</i>		
City Council Packet Date:	11/27/2023	
Emergency Measure?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

Councillor Heather L. Shand



CITY OF NEWBURYPORT
OFFICE OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
60 PLEASANT STREET • P.O. BOX 550
NEWBURYPORT, MA 01950
(978) 465-4400

MEMORANDUM

TO: Newburyport City Council

FROM: Andrew R. Port, Director of Planning & Development

CC: Sean R. Reardon, Mayor
Andrew Levine, Chief of Staff

RE: Approval for Gift Acceptances – Site Amenities for Market Landing Park Expansion Project

DATE: November 21, 2023

As you know, the Council approved gap funding for construction of the Market Landing Park Expansion project earlier this year. This project is now under construction using funding from various sources, including but not limited to two substantial state grants (*i.e. P.A.R.C. and MassTrails*) totaling \$800,000. Since available project funding for the “bones” of new park space does not cover the cost of various site amenities, additional local fundraising was necessary. As directed by the Council, we are now returning to request your acceptance of these very generous gifts provided by well-known local institutions. They are as follows:

<u>Donor</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
Mary Alice Arakelian Foundation	\$200,000	Site Amenities for Market Landing Park
Institution for Savings	\$50,000	Site Amenities for Market Landing Park
Newburyport Bank	\$40,000	Site Amenities for Market Landing Park

We request your timely acceptance of the attached Gift Acceptance Orders, representing substantial contributions by three well-known and reputable local institutions, all for the purchase of remaining site amenities called for in Sasaki’s approved design plans, including trellis swings, benches, picnic tables, hammocks, and additional Adirondack chairs for the expansive new lawn areas between the boardwalk/berm and new bike path “spine.” Standard bronze plaques will be installed in the general vicinity of these site amenities as recognition for these generous contributions to the quality and public enjoyment of one of Newburyport’s most prized community spaces – our central waterfront. A primary project plaque (*typical*) to be located along the new shared use path will recognize core construction funding for the project (*e.g. City Council, Community Preservation Committee, P.A.R.C. and MassTrails grant programs*).

We ask that these Gift Acceptances be referred to the Budget and Finance Committee for review so that final Council approval of each can be made at your last regularly scheduled meeting for this year on December 11, 2023. This, in turn, should leave sufficient time for approval of associated contractor Change Orders, purchases from applicable vendors, and installation of these new amenities by Spring 2024, in time for opening of the new park wins for public use. Thank you in advance for your assistance.



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Staff Contact:	Andrew R. Port, Director of Planning & Development	
<i>Gift Overview</i>		
Gift Type:	Monetary	
Donor:	Institution for Savings www.institutionforsavings.com	
Purpose:	Funds are to be used for the purchase and installation of new site amenities as part of the Market Landing Park Expansion project on the central waterfront.	
Gift Amount:	\$50,000	
<i>For Office Use Only</i>		
City Council Packet Date:	11/27/2023	
Emergency Measure?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

Councillor Heather L. Shand



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Donor:	Newburyport Bank www.newburyportbank.com	
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Gift Amount:	\$40,000	
<i>For Office Use Only</i>		
City Council Packet Date:	11/27/2023	
Emergency Measure?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

Councillor Heather L. Shand



CITY OF NEWBURYPORT
OFFICE OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Newburyport City Council

FROM: Andrew R. Port, Director of Planning & Development

**CC: Sean R. Reardon, Mayor
Andrew Levine, Chief of Staff**

RE: Approval for Gift Acceptances – Site Amenities for Market Landing Park Expansion Project

DATE: November 21, 2023

As you know, the Council approved gap funding for construction of the Market Landing Park Expansion project earlier this year. This project is now under construction using funding from various sources, including but not limited to two substantial state grants (*i.e. P.A.R.C. and MassTrails*) totaling \$800,000. Since available project funding for the “bones” of new park space does not cover the cost of various site amenities, additional local fundraising was necessary. As directed by the Council, we are now returning to request your acceptance of these very generous gifts provided by well-known local institutions. They are as follows:

<u>Donor</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
Mary Alice Arakelian Foundation	\$200,000	Site Amenities for Market Landing Park
Institution for Savings	\$50,000	Site Amenities for Market Landing Park
Newburyport Bank	\$40,000	Site Amenities for Market Landing Park

We request your timely acceptance of the attached Gift Acceptance Orders, representing substantial contributions by three well-known and reputable local institutions, all for the purchase of remaining site amenities called for in Sasaki’s approved design plans, including trellis swings, benches, picnic tables, hammocks, and additional Adirondack chairs for the expansive new lawn areas between the boardwalk/berm and new bike path “spine.” Standard bronze plaques will be installed in the general vicinity of these site amenities as recognition for these generous contributions to the quality and public enjoyment of one of Newburyport’s most prized community spaces – our central waterfront. A primary project plaque (*typical*) to be located along the new shared use path will recognize core construction funding for the project (*e.g. City Council, Community Preservation Committee, P.A.R.C. and MassTrails grant programs*).

We ask that these Gift Acceptances be referred to the Budget and Finance Committee for review so that final Council approval of each can be made at your last regularly scheduled meeting for this year on December 11, 2023. This, in turn, should leave sufficient time for approval of associated contractor Change Orders, purchases from applicable vendors, and installation of these new amenities by Spring 2024, in time for opening of the new park wins for public use. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

CITY OF NEWBURYPORT



IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDERED:

November 27, 2023

AN ORDER RELATIVE TO PARKING DURING THE 2023 HOLIDAY SEASON:

BE IT ORDERED, that:

Collection of daily parking fees in all parking lots and the parking garage is suspended from December 18, 2023 through December 26, 2023.

A sign will be hung on the parking kiosks stating "Free Parking - Season's Greetings from the Citizens of Newburyport".

Councillor James J. McCauley

ORDINANCES

CITY OF NEWBURYPORT



IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDERED:

November 1, 2022

AN ORDINANCE DEFINING RULES FOR DEPARTMENT HEADS WITH REGARDS TO CONFLICTS OF INTEREST TO CREATE CLARITY, CONSISTENCY, AND TO FOSTER A COLLABORATIVE RELATIONSHIP.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Newburyport as follows:

Chapter 2 Administration

Division 1 Generally

Article I In General

Insert Section 2 – 127

Definitions:

Department Head – An employee of the City of Newburyport employed as the leader of any department of the City of Newburyport.

Associated External Organization – Any organization whether for profit or non-profit (also referred to as a 501(c)(3)) that participates in fundraising activities in support of City departments.

Department Head Conflicts

While seeking to preserve collaboration and with appreciation to the important value brought by *associated external organizations*, the following rules are meant to promote transparency and avoid potential conflicts of interest between city departments and associated external organizations that may form to raise funds.

(a) *Department Heads* shall be prohibited from serving on the board of directors as a voting member of any *associated external organization*.

~~(b) *Department Heads* shall be prohibited from the handling, the allocation, or the disbursement of funds held by any *associated external organization*.~~

(c) *Department Heads* shall be prohibited from sharing City financial resources, providing material inkind resources, or providing copies of contact lists, with any *associated external organization*.

Councillor Sharif I. Zeid

In City Council November 1, 2022:

Motion to refer collectively ODNC00129 and ODNC00130 to Budget & Finance and COTW by Councillor Zeid, seconded by Councillor Vogel. So voted.

In City Council November 30, 2023:

Motion to move to a date certain, November 13th, by Councillor Zeid, seconded by Councillor McCauley. So voted.

In City Council November 13, 2023:

Motion to approve on 1st reading by Councillor Zeid, seconded by Councillor McCauley.

Motion to amend to remove the word “allocation” in section (b) by Councillor Zeid, seconded by Councillor McCauley. Roll call vote. 10 yes, 1 present (Vogel). Motion passes.

Motion to amend to strike (b), noting that it is covered by state law, by Councillor Zeid, seconded by Councillor Preston. Roll call vote. 8 yes, 2 no (Wright, McCauley), 1 present (Vogel). Motion passes.

Motion to approve as amended on 1st reading by Councillor Zeid, seconded by Councillor McCauley. 7 yes, 4 no (Cameron, Donahue, Vogel, Shand). Motion passes.

CITY OF NEWBURYPORT



IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDERED:

JUNE 12, 2023

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CH. 2 SEC. 125g ET AL WITH RESPECT TO A PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Newburyport as follows:

CHAPTER 2. ADMINISTRATION ARTICLE III. BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS DIVISION 8. PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE

THAT Chapter 2 Section 125g et al of the Code of Ordinances, City of Newburyport, Massachusetts, is hereby amended to include the following with deletions ~~double stricken and italicized~~ and additions double-underlined and italicized:

Sec. 2-125g. Establishment of public art committee, membership and terms

There is hereby established a public art committee, in accordance with the public art policy adopted by the Newburyport City Council and shall consist of seven (7) members with a composition and term as follows:

- (1) 2 members of the Newburyport Cultural Council for a term of three (3) years.
- (2) ~~1 member of the Newburyport Art Association~~ 2 residents for a term of three (3) years.
- (3) 1 local artist for a term of three (3) years.
- (4) 1 member of the Parks Commission for a term of three (3) years.
- (5) 1 City Staff with a term of 1 year
- ~~(6) 1 representative from the Mayor's office for a term of three (3) years.~~

The appointments to the public art committee shall be made in accordance with the provisions of the city charter.

(Ord. of xx date)

Sec. 125h. Powers and duties.

A. The public art committee shall study the needs, possibilities and resources of the city regarding public art. The committee shall consult with existing municipal boards, including the city council, the planning board, Dept of Public Services, and the parks commission, or persons acting in those capacities or performing like duties, in conducting such studies. As part of its study, the committee shall hold one (1) or more public informational hearings on the needs, possibilities and resources of the city regarding public art possibilities and resources, notice of which shall be posted publicly and published for each of two (2) weeks preceding a hearing in a newspaper of general circulation in the town.

B. The public art committee shall make recommendations to the city council for the acquisition, creation and placement of public art.

(Ord. of xx date)

Sec. 125i. Rules and regulations.

A. By majority vote of the members of the committee, the committee may adopt a change of policy ~~and promulgate rules and regulations for the conduct of its business on any matter within the committee's jurisdiction under the Massachusetts Constitution, Massachusetts General or Special Laws, the Code of Massachusetts Regulations (CMR), ordinance, or other legal right or authority granted to~~ commission ~~the committee~~

The proposed rule change ~~or regulation~~ shall be submitted to all committee members at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to any vote to adopt the same; provided, however, the committee may make such amendments to the proposed rules ~~or regulations~~ as it deems appropriate at the said meeting.

Upon approval of any policy change by the committee, a copy of the same shall be forwarded to the City Council for approval, and become effective as of the date of approval ~~filing thereof unless the specific vote of~~ by the City Council ~~establishes a later effective date.~~

To enhance communication, minutes of each meeting shall be sent to the City Clerk for distribution to the City Council and posted on city website

Councillor Constance Preston

In City Council June 12, 2023:

Motion to refer to Community Services and COTW by Councillor Preston, seconded by Councillor Wright. Roll call vote. 11 yes. Motion passes.

In City Council November 13, 2023:

Motion to waive the rules and accept the late files by Councillor Zeid, seconded by Councillor McCauley. Roll call vote. 11 yes. Motion passes.

Motion to approve on 1st reading by Councillor McCauley, seconded by Councillor Preston.

Motion to amend to change (2) from “1 member of the Newburyport Art Association” to 2 residents, and to strike (6) by Councillor McCauley, seconded by Councillor Wright. Roll call vote. 11 yes.

Motion passes.

Motion to approve on 1st reading as amended by Councillor McCauley, seconded by Councillor Preston. Roll call vote. 11 yes. Motion passes.

CITY OF NEWBURYPORT



IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDERED:

March 13, 2023

AN AMENDMENT TO AN ORDINANCE DEFINING RESPONSIBILITIES THERETO PURUSANT TO VARIOUS SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 2 ADMINISTRATION OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Newburyport as follows:

Chapter 2	Administration
Article II	City Council
Section 2-34	Responsibilities of community service

Amend Section 2-34 by deleting a clause, as follows, with deletions ~~double-stricken-through~~, and additions double-underlined:

Sec. 2-34. - Responsibilities of community services.

The committee on Community Services shall be concerned with all the activities: regarding youth services, the public library, the veterans agent, the heath department, the animal control officer, the parks commission ~~and department~~, the council on aging, the commission on disabilities, and the sustainability department. Additionally, the committee will provide oversight to the interactions related to the fundraising arms of the above departments.

Councillor Heather L. Shand

In City Council March 13, 2023:

Motion to collectively refer ODNC00143 to Public Works & Services, ODNC00144 to Budget & Finance, ODNC00145 to Community Services, ODNC00146 to General Government, and ODNC00147 to Community Services by Councillor Zeid, seconded by Councillor McCauley. Roll call vote. 10 yes, 1 absent (BL). Motion passes.

In City Council November 13, 2023:

Motion to approve on 1st reading by Councillor Shand, seconded by Councillor Cameron. Roll call vote. 11 yes. Motion passes.

COMMITTEE ITEMS

Committee Items – November 27, 2023

Budget & Finance

In Committee:

- ORDR00506_11_13_2023 FY2024 Tax Rate Order (COTW)
- ORDR00507_11_13_2023 FY2024 Residential Factor Order (COTW)
- ORDR00508_11_13_2023 Approval to Pay Prior Year Bills
- ORDR00509_11_13_2023 Gift Acceptance Form Belleville Improvement Society \$895.00
- TRAN00175_11_13_2023 Mayor: General Fund Free Cash \$550,527.37 to Fire Boat Purchase \$550,527.37
- TRAN00176_11_13_2023 Mayor: General Fund Free Cash \$280,978 to
General Fund Budget Reserve \$280,978

CITY OF NEWBURYPORT



IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDERED:

November 13, 2023

THAT, the City of Newburyport adopts a **tax rate** of [**\$**] per thousand for the residential and open space (R&O) classes and [**\$**] per thousand for the commercial, industrial and personal property (CIP) classes for **fiscal year 2024**.

Councillor Sharif I. Zeid

In City Council November 13, 2023:

Motion to collectively refer ORDR00505 and ORDR00508 to Budget & Finance, ORDR00506 and ORDR00507 to Budget & Finance & COTW, and ORDR00510 to Community Services by Councillor Zeid, seconded by Councillor McCauley. Roll call vote 11 yes.



CITY OF NEWBURYPORT
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
SEAN R. REARDON, MAYOR

To: President and Members of the City Council
From: Mayor Sean R. Reardon
Date: November 8, 2023
Subject: FY2024 Tax Rate Recommendation

Establishing the property tax rate is the final stage of our annual budget process, which allocates funds for the expenditures approved by the Mayor and City Council earlier this year. Our budget and forecasts for the upcoming year are based on taxation up to the levy limit provided by the state's Proposition 2½. I am pleased to report that we have a surplus of \$353,568¹, which does not need to be collected through taxes, thanks to City Council budget reductions, additional state aid, and higher-than-estimated new growth.

Recommendations

To fund the FY'24 adopted budget that totaled \$82,885,992 for the general fund, \$68,846,514² must be raised through the tax rate setting process. In order to fund that amount, we recommend that the City Council votes to:

1. Authorize the use of **\$280,978** in free cash to reduce the FY'24 tax rate.
2. Adopt a residential factor of **1.0** (no CIP shift).
3. Adopt a single tax rate of **\$9.97 per thousand dollars** for both the residential and open space classes, as well as the commercial, industrial, and personal property classes.

Why Use Free Cash?

Using \$280,978 in free cash will reduce the amount to be raised through taxes from \$68,846,514 to \$68,565,536. While it's not always possible to rely on free cash for tax funding, there are instances where it's justified. Last year, we had a historic free cash certification due to one-time revenue sources, allowing us to use \$706,177 to mitigate the tax rate. This year, using free cash will help fill the gap left by the significant amount of excess levy capacity for FY2023.

However, it's essential to be mindful that relying on free cash to balance the budget increases the burden on taxpayers in the following year. An increase that would typically be 3.0 to 3.5%

¹ Budgeted excess levy capacity of \$181,829, budget reductions of \$95,000, additional state aid of \$23,061 and higher-than-estimated new growth of \$226,467 less supplemental budget appropriation of \$172,789.

² FY'24 levy limit of \$69,200,082 less \$353,568 in available revenue.

becomes 4.0 to 4.5%, as we need to compensate for the untaxed amount from the prior year. Therefore, while I support using a moderate amount of free cash, I do not recommend larger allocations to set the tax rate, as it could lead to future challenges.

Why No Recommendation for a CIP Shift?

In Massachusetts, properties are grouped into two categories: residential and open space ("RO") and commercial, industrial, and personal property ("CIP"). State law allows for a "CIP shift," where more of the tax burden is shifted from RO to CIP properties. Last year, a 10% CIP shift was recommended to address an 18.3% increase in residential valuations, but it was not adopted by the City Council, leading to reduced tax bills for commercial and industrial properties.

For FY2024, the rate of increase in residential valuations has slowed to 13.6%, while assessments for commercial properties have grown by 6.1% (compared to 2.0% last year), and assessments for industrial properties have grown by 16.3% (compared to 3.9% last year). This means that tax increases are more evenly distributed among the classes, making a CIP shift potentially unfair to certain property classes. For this reason, we do not recommend a CIP shift for FY2024.

Conclusion

I deeply understand the impact of taxes on our community, particularly on those who are facing financial challenges and require support. I am also aware of the resources needed to provide essential public safety, services, and education that our residents expect from local government. It's important to highlight that new tax relief legislation has recently been signed into law by the governor. As a result, we will be actively reviewing these changes and may recommend related adjustments in the near future. I strongly believe that this year's tax rate proposal strikes a balance between supporting taxpayers and ensuring the city's fiscal stability.

Thank you for your time, review, and consideration.



City of Newburyport FY2024 Residential Factor & Tax Rate Proposal

November 2023

FY2024 Recommendations

That the City Council votes to:

1. Authorize the use of **\$280,978** in free cash to reduce the FY'24 tax rate.
2. Adopt a residential factor of **1.0** (no CIP shift).
3. Adopt a single tax rate of **\$9.97** per thousand dollars for both the residential and open space classes, as well as the commercial, industrial, and personal property classes.

FY2024 Total Valuation & Minimum Residential Factor

Class		Assessed Value	% of Total Valuation
Residential	1	6,166,884,624	89.7352%
Open Space	2	323,600	0.0047%
Total Classes 1,2 (R&O)		6,167,208,224	89.7399%
Commercial	3,7,8	386,604,576	5.6255%
Industrial	4	244,691,600	3.5605%
Personal	5	73,810,523	1.0740%
Total Class 3,4,5,7,8 (CIP)		705,106,699	10.2601%
Total All Classes		6,872,314,923	100.0000%

Max. Tax Rate ($\$69,200,082 / 6,872,314,923 \times 1000$)	\$10.06
Recommended Tax Rate	\$9.97
Maximum Share of Levy for CIP (CIP Shift = 1.5)	15.3902%
Minimum Share of Levy for R&O (CIP Shift = 1.5)	84.6099%
Minimum Residential Factor (MRF)	94.2834%

FY2024 Recommended Tax Levy

Recommended Single \$9.97/\$1000 Tax Rate



1.5% Increase (1.0% defrayed)

Proposition 2 ½ Levy Limit Calculation

	FY'24 Levy Limit	FY'24 Recommended	Difference
Prior Year Levy Limit	\$63,454,590	\$63,454,590	\$0
2 ½ % Increase	\$1,586,365	\$951,819	-\$634,546
New Growth	\$976,467	\$976,467	\$0
FY'23 Levy	\$66,017,422	\$65,382,876	-\$634,546
Excluded Debt	\$3,182,660	\$3,182,660	\$0
Total Tax Levy	\$69,200,082	\$68,565,536	-\$634,546

Offset by Available Revenue:

Budgeted Excess Levy Capacity	\$181,829
Budget Reductions	\$95,000
Additional State Aid	\$23,061
Supplemental Budget	-\$172,789
New Growth Over Estimate	\$226,467
Free Cash	\$280,978
Total Available Revenue	\$634,546

Free Cash / Excess Levy Capacity

	Use of Free Cash	Other Available Revenue	Excess Levy Capacity	Excess as a % of Maximum Levy
FY2014	\$320,374	\$29,476	\$349,850	0.7%
FY2015	\$332,237	\$26,119	\$358,356	0.7%
FY2016	\$345,466	\$5,945	\$351,411	0.7%
FY2017	\$0	\$3,051	\$3,051	0.0%
FY2018	\$373,762	\$12,336	\$386,098	0.7%
FY2019	\$0	\$326,531	\$326,531	0.6%
FY2020	\$0	\$45,317	\$45,317	0.1%
FY2021	\$0	\$869,029	\$869,029	1.4%
FY2022	\$0	\$639,637	\$639,637	1.0%
FY2023	\$706,177	\$232,875	\$939,052	1.4%
FY2024	\$280,978	\$353,568	\$634,546	0.9%



Recommended Single \$9.97/\$1000 Tax Rate

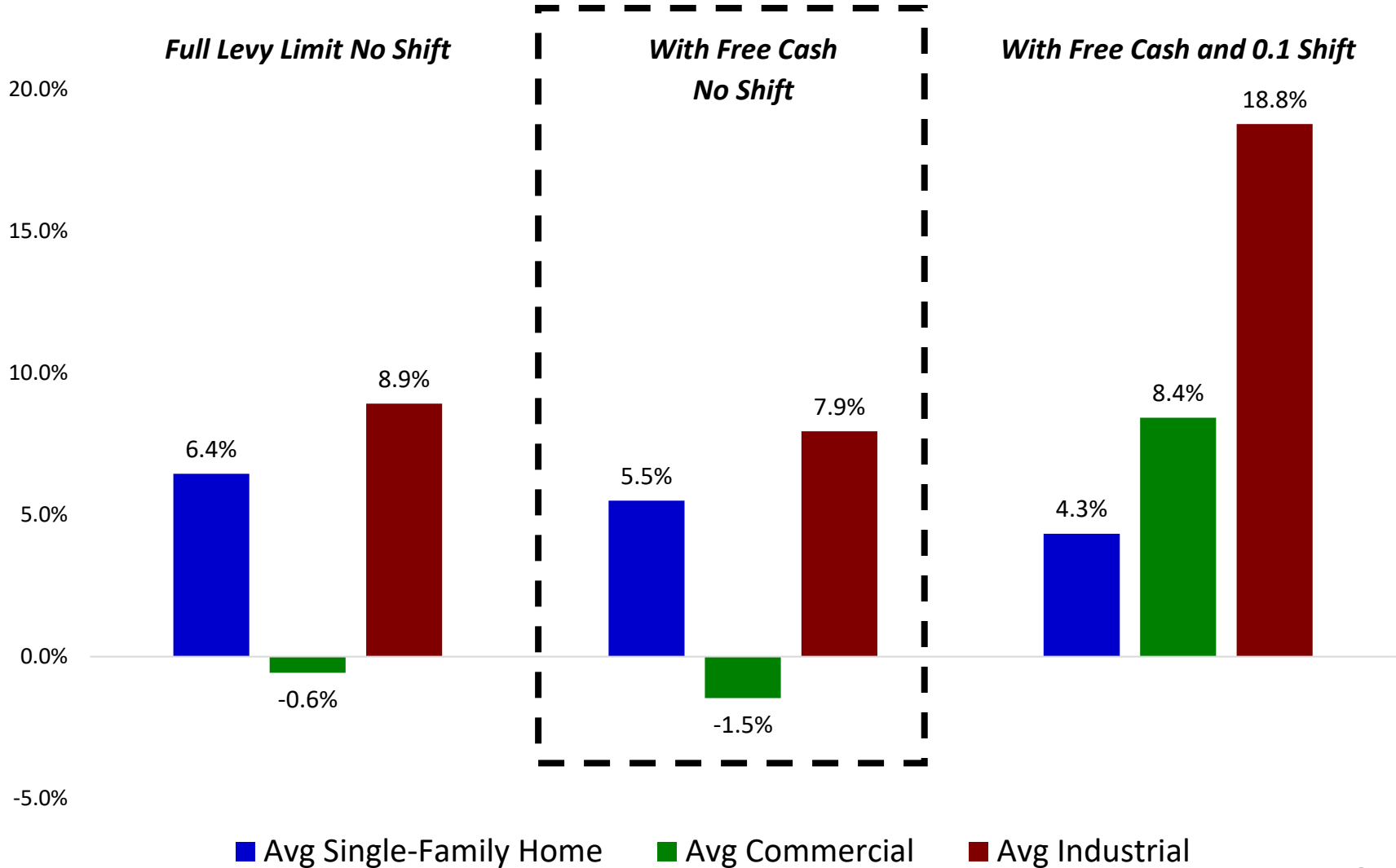
FY2024 Free Cash

7/1/2023 Balance	\$3,384,876
Prior Year Bills	\$21,395
Opioid Stabilization Fund	\$128,485
Fire Boat	\$550,527
Tax Rate	\$280,978
Total Transfers To-Date*	\$981,385
Available Balance	\$2,403,491
OPEB Trust Fund	\$95,000
Stabilization Trust Fund	\$50,000
Cash Capital	\$1,000,000
S&I/Overtime Contingency	\$300,000
Potential Needs	\$1,445,000
Remaining Balance	\$958,491

*Pending Approval

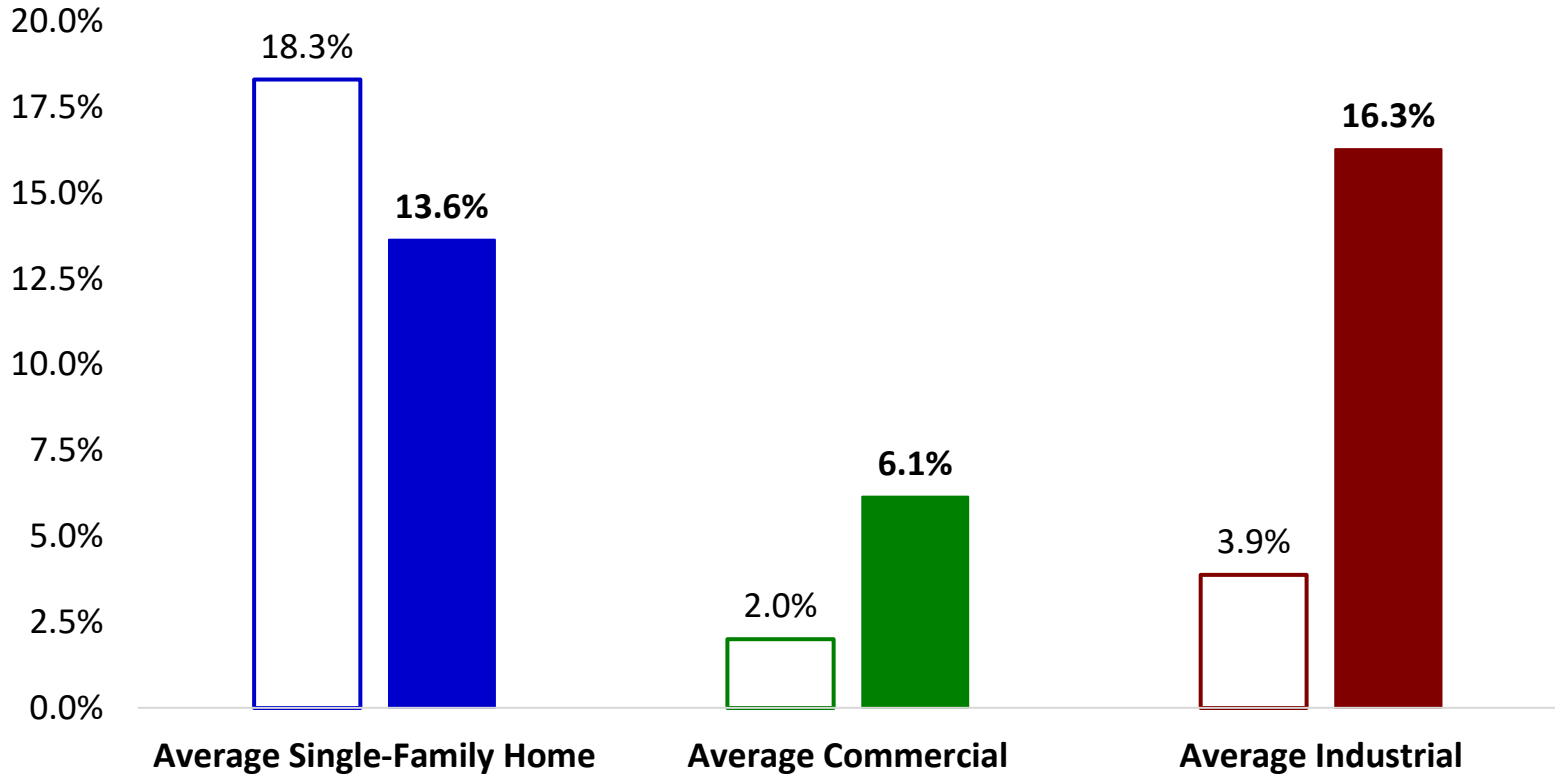
% Change in Tax Bill from FY2023 to FY2024

Recommended Single \$9.97/\$1000 Tax Rate



Change in “Average” Assessments

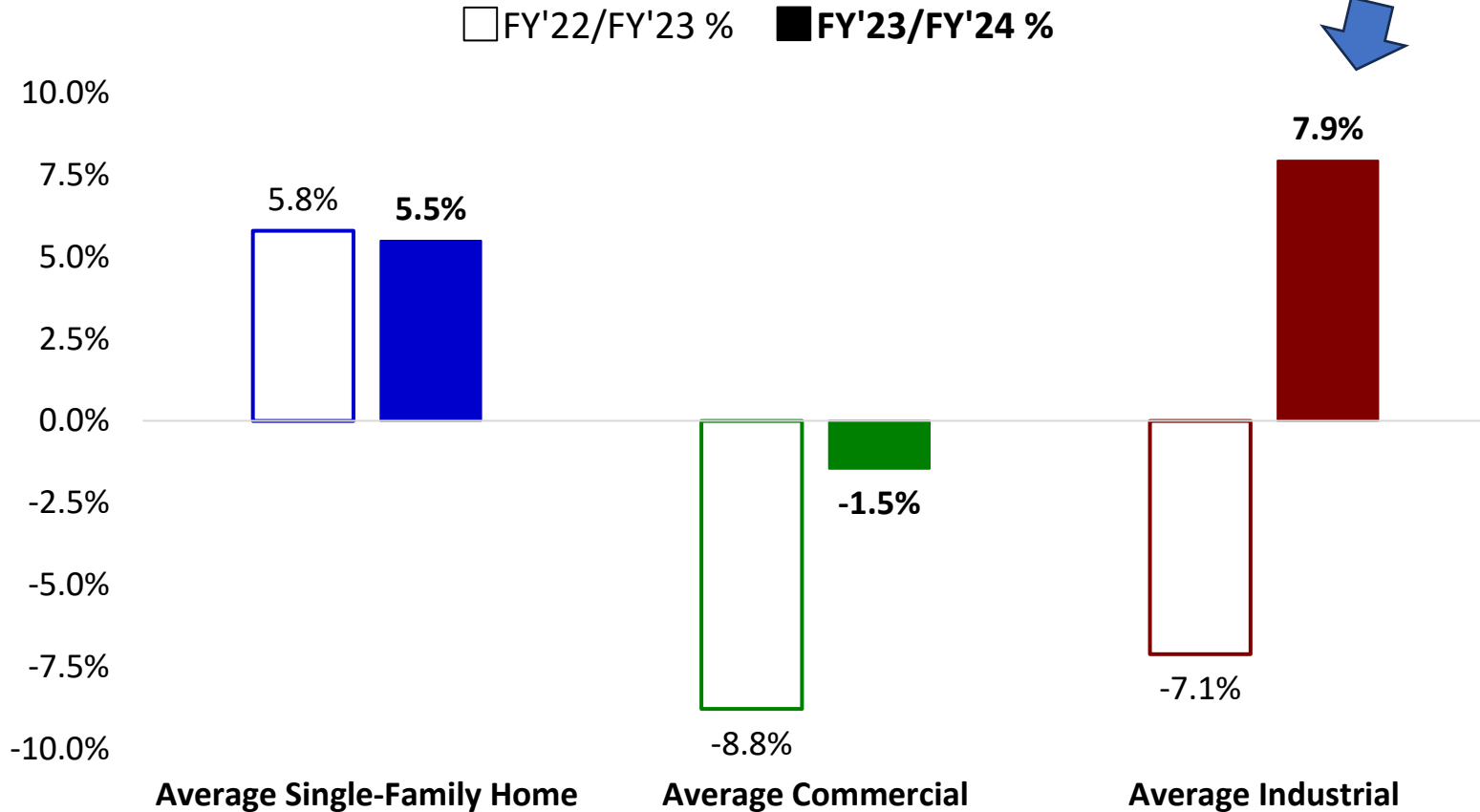
□ FY'22/FY'23 % ■ FY'23/FY'24 %



	FY'23 Assessment	FY'24 Assessment	\$ Change	% Change
■ Average Single-Family Home	830,500	943,800	113,300	13.6%
■ Average Commercial	1,351,300	1,434,400	83,100	6.1%
■ Average Industrial	2,303,300	2,678,200	374,900	16.3%

Change in "Average" Annual Tax Bills

Recommended Single \$9.97/\$1000 Tax Rate



	FY'23 Tax Bill	FY'24 Tax Bill	\$ Change	% Change
■ Average Single-Family Home	8,920	9,410	490	5.5%
■ Average Commercial	14,513	14,301	-212	-1.5%
■ Average Industrial	24,737	26,702	1,964	7.9%

Residential-to-CIP Shift & Use of Free Cash FY2024 Tax Rate (Per Thousand)

Residential & Open Space (RO) Classes

<u>FY2024 Tax Rate Per Thousand</u>											<u>Recommended Rate</u>
\$ Foregone FY'24 Taxes:	\$158,636	\$317,273	\$475,909	\$634,546	\$793,182	\$951,819	\$1,110,455	\$1,269,092	\$1,427,728	\$1,586,365	
Use of Free Cash:	\$0	\$0	\$122,342	\$280,978	\$439,615	\$598,251	\$756,888	\$915,524	\$1,074,161	\$1,232,797	
% Defrayed											
CIP Shift	0.00%	0.25%	0.50%	0.75%	1.00%	1.25%	1.50%	1.75%	2.00%	2.25%	2.50%
0.00	\$10.06	\$10.04	\$10.02	\$10.00	\$9.97	\$9.95	\$9.93	\$9.90	\$9.88	\$9.86	\$9.83
0.05	\$10.01	\$9.98	\$9.96	\$9.94	\$9.92	\$9.89	\$9.87	\$9.85	\$9.82	\$9.80	\$9.78
0.10	\$9.95	\$9.93	\$9.90	\$9.88	\$9.86	\$9.84	\$9.81	\$9.79	\$9.77	\$9.74	\$9.72
0.15	\$9.89	\$9.87	\$9.85	\$9.82	\$9.80	\$9.78	\$9.76	\$9.73	\$9.71	\$9.69	\$9.66
0.20	\$9.83	\$9.81	\$9.79	\$9.77	\$9.74	\$9.72	\$9.70	\$9.68	\$9.65	\$9.63	\$9.61
0.25	\$9.78	\$9.75	\$9.73	\$9.71	\$9.69	\$9.66	\$9.64	\$9.62	\$9.60	\$9.57	\$9.55
0.30	\$9.72	\$9.70	\$9.67	\$9.65	\$9.63	\$9.61	\$9.59	\$9.56	\$9.54	\$9.52	\$9.50
0.35	\$9.66	\$9.64	\$9.62	\$9.59	\$9.57	\$9.55	\$9.53	\$9.51	\$9.48	\$9.46	\$9.44
0.40	\$9.60	\$9.58	\$9.56	\$9.54	\$9.52	\$9.49	\$9.47	\$9.45	\$9.43	\$9.41	\$9.38
0.45	\$9.55	\$9.52	\$9.50	\$9.48	\$9.46	\$9.44	\$9.41	\$9.39	\$9.37	\$9.35	\$9.33
0.50	\$9.49	\$9.47	\$9.45	\$9.42	\$9.40	\$9.38	\$9.36	\$9.34	\$9.31	\$9.29	\$9.27

Commercial, Industrial & Personal Property (CIP) Classes

<u>FY2024 Tax Rate Per Thousand</u>											<u>Recommended Rate</u>
\$ Foregone FY'24 Taxes:	\$158,636	\$317,273	\$475,909	\$634,546	\$793,182	\$951,819	\$1,110,455	\$1,269,092	\$1,427,728	\$1,586,365	
Use of Free Cash:	\$0	\$0	\$122,342	\$280,978	\$439,615	\$598,251	\$756,888	\$915,524	\$1,074,161	\$1,232,797	
% Defrayed											
CIP Shift	0.00%	0.25%	0.50%	0.75%	1.00%	1.25%	1.50%	1.75%	2.00%	2.25%	2.50%
0.00	\$10.06	\$10.04	\$10.02	\$10.00	\$9.97	\$9.95	\$9.93	\$9.90	\$9.88	\$9.86	\$9.83
0.05	\$10.57	\$10.54	\$10.52	\$10.50	\$10.47	\$10.45	\$10.42	\$10.40	\$10.37	\$10.35	\$10.33
0.10	\$11.07	\$11.05	\$11.02	\$11.00	\$10.97	\$10.94	\$10.92	\$10.89	\$10.87	\$10.84	\$10.82
0.15	\$11.57	\$11.55	\$11.52	\$11.50	\$11.47	\$11.44	\$11.42	\$11.39	\$11.36	\$11.34	\$11.31
0.20	\$12.08	\$12.05	\$12.02	\$12.00	\$11.97	\$11.94	\$11.91	\$11.88	\$11.86	\$11.83	\$11.80
0.25	\$12.58	\$12.55	\$12.52	\$12.50	\$12.47	\$12.44	\$12.41	\$12.38	\$12.35	\$12.32	\$12.29
0.30	\$13.09	\$13.06	\$13.03	\$13.00	\$12.97	\$12.94	\$12.91	\$12.88	\$12.85	\$12.82	\$12.79
0.35	\$13.59	\$13.56	\$13.53	\$13.50	\$13.46	\$13.43	\$13.40	\$13.37	\$13.34	\$13.31	\$13.28
0.40	\$14.09	\$14.06	\$14.03	\$14.00	\$13.96	\$13.93	\$13.90	\$13.87	\$13.83	\$13.80	\$13.77
0.45	\$14.60	\$14.56	\$14.53	\$14.50	\$14.46	\$14.43	\$14.39	\$14.36	\$14.33	\$14.29	\$14.26
0.50	\$15.10	\$15.06	\$15.03	\$15.00	\$14.96	\$14.93	\$14.89	\$14.86	\$14.82	\$14.79	\$14.75

Residential-to-CIP Shift & Use of Free Cash FY2024 Average Annual Tax Bill

Residential & Open Space (RO) Classes

AVG SINGLE FAMILY HOME

FY2024 Average Residential Tax Bill				FY'24 Value: \$943,800								Recommended Rate	
\$ Foregone FY'24 Taxes:	\$158,636	\$317,273	\$475,909	\$634,546	\$793,182	\$951,819	\$1,110,455	\$1,269,092	\$1,427,728	\$1,586,365			
Use of Free Cash:	\$0	\$0	\$122,342	\$280,978	\$439,615	\$598,251	\$756,888	\$915,524	\$1,074,161	\$1,232,797			
% Defrayed <i>Every 0.25% defrayed saves approximately \$22/year for the average single-family home</i>													
CIP Shift	0.00%	0.25%	0.50%	0.75%	1.00%	1.25%	1.50%	1.75%	2.00%	2.25%	2.50%		
0.00	\$9,495	\$9,476	\$9,457	\$9,438	\$9,410	\$9,391	\$9,372	\$9,344	\$9,325	\$9,306	\$9,278		
0.05	\$9,447	\$9,419	\$9,400	\$9,381	\$9,362	\$9,334	\$9,315	\$9,296	\$9,268	\$9,249	\$9,230		
0.10	\$9,391	\$9,372	\$9,344	\$9,325	\$9,306	\$9,287	\$9,259	\$9,240	\$9,221	\$9,193	\$9,174		
0.15	\$9,334	\$9,315	\$9,296	\$9,268	\$9,249	\$9,230	\$9,211	\$9,183	\$9,164	\$9,145	\$9,117		
0.20	\$9,278	\$9,259	\$9,240	\$9,221	\$9,193	\$9,174	\$9,155	\$9,136	\$9,108	\$9,089	\$9,070		
0.25	\$9,230	\$9,202	\$9,183	\$9,164	\$9,145	\$9,117	\$9,098	\$9,079	\$9,060	\$9,032	\$9,013		
0.30	\$9,174	\$9,155	\$9,127	\$9,108	\$9,089	\$9,070	\$9,051	\$9,023	\$9,004	\$8,985	\$8,966		
0.35	\$9,117	\$9,098	\$9,079	\$9,051	\$9,032	\$9,013	\$8,994	\$8,976	\$8,947	\$8,928	\$8,909		
0.40	\$9,060	\$9,042	\$9,023	\$9,004	\$8,985	\$8,957	\$8,938	\$8,919	\$8,900	\$8,881	\$8,853		
0.45	\$9,013	\$8,985	\$8,966	\$8,947	\$8,928	\$8,909	\$8,881	\$8,862	\$8,843	\$8,825	\$8,806		
0.50	\$8,957	\$8,938	\$8,919	\$8,891	\$8,872	\$8,853	\$8,834	\$8,815	\$8,787	\$8,768	\$8,749		

Commercial, Industrial & Personal Property (CIP) Classes

AVG COMMERCIAL

FY2024 Average Commercial Tax Bill				FY'24 Commercial Value: \$1,434,400								Recommended Rate	
% Defrayed													
CIP Shift	0.00%	0.25%	0.50%	0.75%	1.00%	1.25%	1.50%	1.75%	2.00%	2.25%	2.50%		
0.00	\$14,430	\$14,401	\$14,373	\$14,344	\$14,301	\$14,272	\$14,244	\$14,201	\$14,172	\$14,143	\$14,100		
0.05	\$15,162	\$15,119	\$15,090	\$15,061	\$15,018	\$14,989	\$14,946	\$14,918	\$14,875	\$14,846	\$14,817		
0.10	\$15,879	\$15,850	\$15,807	\$15,778	\$15,735	\$15,692	\$15,664	\$15,621	\$15,592	\$15,549	\$15,520		
0.15	\$16,596	\$16,567	\$16,524	\$16,496	\$16,453	\$16,410	\$16,381	\$16,338	\$16,295	\$16,266	\$16,223		
0.20	\$17,328	\$17,285	\$17,241	\$17,213	\$17,170	\$17,127	\$17,084	\$17,041	\$17,012	\$16,969	\$16,926		

AVG INDUSTRIAL

FY2024 Average Industrial Tax Bill				FY'24 Industrial Value: \$2,678,200								Recommended Rate	
% Defrayed													
CIP Shift	0.00%	0.25%	0.50%	0.75%	1.00%	1.25%	1.50%	1.75%	2.00%	2.25%	2.50%		
0.00	\$26,943	\$26,889	\$26,836	\$26,782	\$26,702	\$26,648	\$26,595	\$26,514	\$26,461	\$26,407	\$26,327		
0.05	\$28,309	\$28,228	\$28,175	\$28,121	\$28,041	\$27,987	\$27,907	\$27,853	\$27,773	\$27,719	\$27,666		
0.10	\$29,648	\$29,594	\$29,514	\$29,460	\$29,380	\$29,300	\$29,246	\$29,166	\$29,112	\$29,032	\$28,978		
0.15	\$30,987	\$30,933	\$30,853	\$30,799	\$30,719	\$30,639	\$30,585	\$30,505	\$30,424	\$30,371	\$30,290		
0.20	\$32,353	\$32,272	\$32,192	\$32,138	\$32,058	\$31,978	\$31,897	\$31,817	\$31,763	\$31,683	\$31,603		

Residential-to-CIP Shift & Use of Free Cash \$ Change in Annual Tax Bill From FY2023

Residential & Open Space (RO) Classes

AVG SINGLE FAMILY HOME

<u>\$ Change in Tax Bill from FY2023</u>		FY'23 Value: \$830,500										<u>Recommended Rate</u>
		FY'23 Tax Bill: \$8,920										
\$ Foregone FY'24 Taxes:		\$158,636	\$317,273	\$475,909	\$634,546	\$793,182	\$951,819	\$1,110,455	\$1,269,092	\$1,427,728	\$1,586,365	
Use of Free Cash:		\$0	\$0	\$122,342	\$280,978	\$439,615	\$598,251	\$756,888	\$915,524	\$1,074,161	\$1,232,797	
% Defrayed		<i>Defraying 1.0% saves \$85/year for the average single-family home compared to the maximum tax rate</i>										
CIP Shift	% Defrayed	0.00%	0.25%	0.50%	0.75%	1.00%	1.25%	1.50%	1.75%	2.00%	2.25%	2.50%
0.00		\$575	\$556	\$537	\$518	\$490	\$471	\$452	\$424	\$405	\$386	\$358
0.05		\$528	\$500	\$481	\$462	\$443	\$415	\$396	\$377	\$349	\$330	\$311
0.10		\$471	\$452	\$424	\$405	\$386	\$367	\$339	\$320	\$301	\$273	\$254
0.15		\$415	\$396	\$377	\$349	\$330	\$311	\$292	\$264	\$245	\$226	\$198
0.20		\$358	\$339	\$320	\$301	\$273	\$254	\$235	\$216	\$188	\$169	\$150
0.25		\$311	\$282	\$264	\$245	\$226	\$198	\$179	\$160	\$141	\$113	\$94
0.30		\$254	\$235	\$207	\$188	\$169	\$150	\$131	\$103	\$84	\$65	\$47
0.35		\$198	\$179	\$160	\$131	\$113	\$94	\$75	\$56	\$28	\$9	-\$10
0.40		\$141	\$122	\$103	\$84	\$65	\$37	\$18	-\$1	-\$20	-\$38	-\$67
0.45		\$94	\$65	\$47	\$28	\$9	-\$10	-\$38	-\$57	-\$76	-\$95	-\$114
0.50		\$37	\$18	-\$1	-\$29	-\$48	-\$67	-\$86	-\$104	-\$133	-\$152	-\$171

Commercial, Industrial & Personal Property (CIP) Classes

AVG COMMERCIAL

<u>\$ Change in Tax Bill from FY2023</u>		FY'23 Commercial Value: \$1,351,300										<u>Recommended Rate</u>
		FY'23 Commercial Tax Bill: \$14,513										
% Defrayed												
CIP Shift	% Defrayed	0.00%	0.25%	0.50%	0.75%	1.00%	1.25%	1.50%	1.75%	2.00%	2.25%	2.50%
0.00		-\$83	-\$112	-\$140	-\$169	-\$212	-\$241	-\$269	-\$312	-\$341	-\$370	-\$413
0.05		\$649	\$606	\$577	\$548	\$505	\$477	\$433	\$405	\$362	\$333	\$304
0.10		\$1,366	\$1,337	\$1,294	\$1,265	\$1,222	\$1,179	\$1,151	\$1,108	\$1,079	\$1,036	\$1,007
0.15		\$2,083	\$2,054	\$2,011	\$1,983	\$1,940	\$1,897	\$1,868	\$1,825	\$1,782	\$1,753	\$1,710
0.20		\$2,815	\$2,772	\$2,729	\$2,700	\$2,657	\$2,614	\$2,571	\$2,528	\$2,499	\$2,456	\$2,413

AVG INDUSTRIAL

<u>\$ Change in Tax Bill from FY2023</u>		FY'23 Industrial Value: \$2,303,300										<u>Recommended Rate</u>
		FY'23 Industrial Tax Bill: \$24,737										
% Defrayed												
CIP Shift	% Defrayed	0.00%	0.25%	0.50%	0.75%	1.00%	1.25%	1.50%	1.75%	2.00%	2.25%	2.50%
0.00		\$2,205	\$2,152	\$2,098	\$2,045	\$1,964	\$1,911	\$1,857	\$1,777	\$1,723	\$1,670	\$1,589
0.05		\$3,571	\$3,491	\$3,437	\$3,384	\$3,303	\$3,250	\$3,169	\$3,116	\$3,035	\$2,982	\$2,928
0.10		\$4,910	\$4,857	\$4,776	\$4,723	\$4,642	\$4,562	\$4,509	\$4,428	\$4,375	\$4,294	\$4,241
0.15		\$6,249	\$6,196	\$6,115	\$6,062	\$5,982	\$5,901	\$5,848	\$5,767	\$5,687	\$5,633	\$5,553
0.20		\$7,615	\$7,535	\$7,455	\$7,401	\$7,321	\$7,240	\$7,160	\$7,080	\$7,026	\$6,946	\$6,865

Residential-to-CIP Shift & Use of Free Cash % Change in Tax Bill from FY2023

Residential & Open Space (RO) Classes

AVG SINGLE FAMILY HOME

<u>% Change in Tax Bill from FY2023</u>											<u>Recommended Rate</u>
\$ Foregone FY'24 Taxes:	\$158,636	\$317,273	\$475,909	\$634,546	\$793,182	\$951,819	\$1,110,455	\$1,269,092	\$1,427,728	\$1,586,365	
Use of Free Cash:	\$0	\$0	\$122,342	\$280,978	\$439,615	\$598,251	\$756,888	\$915,524	\$1,074,161	\$1,232,797	
	% Defrayed										
CIP Shift	0.00%	0.25%	0.50%	0.75%	1.00%	1.25%	1.50%	1.75%	2.00%	2.25%	2.50%
0.00	6.4%	6.2%	6.0%	5.8%	5.5%	5.3%	5.1%	4.8%	4.5%	4.3%	4.0%
0.05	5.9%	5.6%	5.4%	5.2%	5.0%	4.6%	4.4%	4.2%	3.9%	3.7%	3.5%
0.10	5.3%	5.1%	4.8%	4.5%	4.3%	4.1%	3.8%	3.6%	3.4%	3.1%	2.8%
0.15	4.6%	4.4%	4.2%	3.9%	3.7%	3.5%	3.3%	3.0%	2.7%	2.5%	2.2%
0.20	4.0%	3.8%	3.6%	3.4%	3.1%	2.8%	2.6%	2.4%	2.1%	1.9%	1.7%
0.25	3.5%	3.2%	3.0%	2.7%	2.5%	2.2%	2.0%	1.8%	1.6%	1.3%	1.1%
0.30	2.8%	2.6%	2.3%	2.1%	1.9%	1.7%	1.5%	1.2%	0.9%	0.7%	0.5%
0.35	2.2%	2.0%	1.8%	1.5%	1.3%	1.1%	0.8%	0.6%	0.3%	0.1%	-0.1%
0.40	1.6%	1.4%	1.2%	0.9%	0.7%	0.4%	0.2%	0.0%	-0.2%	-0.4%	-0.7%
0.45	1.1%	0.7%	0.5%	0.3%	0.1%	-0.1%	-0.4%	-0.6%	-0.9%	-1.1%	-1.3%
0.50	0.4%	0.2%	0.0%	-0.3%	-0.5%	-0.7%	-1.0%	-1.2%	-1.5%	-1.7%	-1.9%

Commercial, Industrial & Personal Property (CIP) Classes

AVG COMMERCIAL

<u>% Change in Tax Bill from FY2023</u>											<u>Recommended Rate</u>
	% Defrayed										
CIP Shift	0.00%	0.25%	0.50%	0.75%	1.00%	1.25%	1.50%	1.75%	2.00%	2.25%	2.50%
0.00	-0.6%	-0.8%	-1.0%	-1.2%	-1.5%	-1.7%	-1.9%	-2.2%	-2.4%	-2.5%	-2.8%
0.05	4.5%	4.2%	4.0%	3.8%	3.5%	3.3%	3.0%	2.8%	2.5%	2.3%	2.1%
0.10	9.4%	9.2%	8.9%	8.7%	8.4%	8.1%	7.9%	7.6%	7.4%	7.1%	6.9%
0.15	14.4%	14.2%	13.9%	13.7%	13.4%	13.1%	12.9%	12.6%	12.3%	12.1%	11.8%
0.20	19.4%	19.1%	18.8%	18.6%	18.3%	18.0%	17.7%	17.4%	17.2%	16.9%	16.6%

AVG INDUSTRIAL

<u>% Change in Tax Bill from FY2023</u>											<u>Recommended Rate</u>
	% Defrayed										
CIP Shift	0.00%	0.25%	0.50%	0.75%	1.00%	1.25%	1.50%	1.75%	2.00%	2.25%	2.50%
0.00	8.9%	8.7%	8.5%	8.3%	7.9%	7.7%	7.5%	7.2%	7.0%	6.7%	6.4%
0.05	14.4%	14.1%	13.9%	13.7%	13.4%	13.1%	12.8%	12.6%	12.3%	12.1%	11.8%
0.10	19.8%	19.6%	19.3%	19.1%	18.8%	18.4%	18.2%	17.9%	17.7%	17.4%	17.1%
0.15	25.3%	25.0%	24.7%	24.5%	24.2%	23.9%	23.6%	23.3%	23.0%	22.8%	22.4%
0.20	30.8%	30.5%	30.1%	29.9%	29.6%	29.3%	28.9%	28.6%	28.4%	28.1%	27.8%

FY2017-FY2024 Historical Levy Limit & Annual Tax Rate

	<u>FY2017</u>	<u>FY2018</u>	<u>FY2019</u>	<u>FY2020</u>	<u>FY2021</u>	<u>FY2022</u>	<u>FY2023</u>	<u>FY2024</u>
Prior Year Levy Limit	\$47,847,641	\$49,834,938	\$52,014,405	\$54,300,695	\$56,390,995	\$58,726,600	\$61,029,959	\$63,454,590
2 ½ % Increase	\$1,196,191	\$1,245,873	\$1,300,360	\$1,357,517	\$1,409,775	\$1,468,165	\$1,525,749	\$1,586,365
New Growth	\$791,106	\$933,594	\$985,930	\$732,783	\$925,830	\$835,194	\$898,882	\$976,467
Levy Limit	\$49,834,938	\$52,014,405	\$54,300,696	\$56,390,995	\$58,726,600	\$61,029,959	\$63,454,590	\$66,017,422
Excluded Debt	\$3,192,620	\$3,166,609	\$3,178,737	\$3,165,464	\$3,171,545	\$3,171,735	\$3,167,680	\$3,182,660
Total Levy Limit	\$53,027,558	\$55,181,014	\$57,479,432	\$59,556,459	\$61,898,145	\$64,201,694	\$66,622,270	\$69,200,082
Total Assessed Value	\$3,942,342,529	\$4,132,346,602	\$4,369,487,756	\$4,634,824,144	\$4,828,252,824	\$5,292,427,743	\$6,115,755,868	\$6,872,314,923
Tax Rate	<u>\$13.45</u>	<u>\$13.26</u>	<u>\$13.08</u>	<u>\$12.84</u>	<u>\$12.64</u>	<u>\$12.01</u>	<u>\$10.74</u>	<u>\$10.06</u>
Excess Capacity*	\$3,051	\$386,098	\$326,532	\$45,317	\$869,029	\$639,637	\$939,052	\$64,594
Average Single Family Assessment	\$540,300	\$560,300	\$595,000	\$617,500	\$640,800	\$702,000	\$830,500	\$943,800
Tax Bill	<u>\$7,267</u>	<u>\$7,430</u>	<u>\$7,783</u>	<u>\$7,929</u>	<u>\$8,100</u>	<u>\$8,431</u>	<u>\$8,920</u>	<u>\$9,495</u>
Increase from Prior Y	\$298	\$163	\$353	\$146	\$171	\$331	\$489	\$575
% Increase	4.3%	2.2%	4.8%	1.9%	2.2%	4.1%	5.8%	6.4%

Maximum Prop. 2½ Tax Rate

*Excess levy capacity is never truly \$0 since the tax rate is rounded to two decimals

Historical Comparison for Average Single Family Home

Fiscal Year	Average Value	Tax Rate	Tax Bill	YoY Increase \$	YoY Increase %
2012	\$445,226	\$12.80	\$5,699	\$188	3.4%
2013	\$438,272	\$13.32	\$5,838	\$139	2.4%
2014	\$446,524	\$14.16	\$6,323	\$485	8.3%
2015	\$501,800	\$13.34	\$6,694	\$372	5.9%
2016	\$520,500	\$13.39	\$6,969	\$275	4.1%
2017	\$540,300	\$13.45	\$7,267	\$298	4.3%
2018	\$560,300	\$13.26	\$7,430	\$163	2.2%
2019	\$595,000	\$13.08	\$7,783	\$353	4.8%
2020	\$617,500	\$12.84	\$7,929	\$146	1.9%
2021	\$640,800	\$12.64	\$8,100	\$171	2.2%
2022	\$702,000	\$12.01	\$8,431	\$331	4.1%
2023	\$830,500	\$10.74	\$8,920	\$489	5.8%
2024	\$943,800	\$10.06	\$9,495	\$575	6.4%

FY'24 Funds Unappropriated	
Available Revenue	\$299,890.00
Supplemental Budget #1	(\$172,789.00)
New Growth Over Estimate	\$226,467.00
Net available to defray tax rate	\$353,568.00

Maximum Prop. 2½ Tax Rate

Use of Free Cash to Defray Tax Increase (Before Shift)

For Average Single Family Home Assessed at \$943,800

% Increase	\$ Increase	Use of Free Cash	Tax Rate	Average Tax Bill	Savings	\$ Incr. From PY	% Incr. From PY	Foregone Taxes
2.50%	\$2,577,812	\$0	<u>\$10.06</u>	\$9,495	\$0	\$1,064	12.6%	\$0
2.00%	\$2,260,539	\$0	\$10.02	\$9,457	\$38	\$1,026	12.2%	\$317,273
1.50%	\$1,943,266	\$280,978	\$9.97	\$9,410	\$85	\$979	11.6%	\$634,546
1.00%	\$1,625,993	\$598,251	\$9.93	\$9,372	\$123	\$941	11.2%	\$951,819
0.50%	\$1,308,720	\$915,524	\$9.88	\$9,325	\$170	\$894	10.6%	\$1,269,092
0.00%	\$991,447	\$1,232,797	\$9.83	\$9,278	\$217	\$847	10.0%	\$1,586,365

Massachusetts Department of Revenue Division of Local Services
LA-4 Comparison Report for FY2024

Property Type	Description	FY 2023	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2024	Parcel Diff	Parcel % Diff	Assessed Value	Assessed Value
		Parcel Count	Assessed Value	Parcel Count	Assessed Value			Diff	% Diff
101	Single Family	4,447	3,693,325,900	4,453	4,202,902,000	6	0.1%	509,576,100	13.8%
102	Condominiums	2,371	1,246,400,800	2,409	1,397,240,000	38	1.6%	150,839,200	12.1%
MISC 103,109	Miscellaneous Residential	20	35,606,100	22	35,781,600	2	10.0%	175,500	0.5%
104	Two - Family	271	235,152,700	270	247,875,400	-1	-0.4%	12,722,700	5.4%
105	Three - Family	53	47,372,200	50	49,617,100	-3	-5.7%	2,244,900	4.7%
111-125	Apartment	84	141,085,800	81	166,009,300	-3	-3.6%	24,923,500	17.7%
130-32,106	Vacant / Accessory Land	335	22,159,600	329	24,817,700	-6	-1.8%	2,658,100	12.0%
200-231	Open Space	10	274,300	10	323,600	0		49,300	18.0%
300-393	Commercial	365	325,191,700	375	346,799,900	10	2.7%	21,608,200	6.6%
400-442	Industrial	221	223,592,200	220	244,691,600	-1	-0.5%	21,099,400	9.4%
450-452	Industrial Power Plant	0	0	0	0	0		0	
CH 61 LAND	Forest	0	0	0	0	0		0	
CH 61A LAND	Agriculture	0	77,700	14	84,800	0		7,100	9.1%
CH 61B LAND	Recreational	0	0	0	0	0		0	
012-043	Multi-use - Residential	79	38,815,669	78	42,641,524	-1	-1.3%	3,825,855	9.9%
012-043	Multi-use - Open Space	0	0	0	0	0		0	
012-043	Multi-use - Commercial	0	37,991,431	0	39,719,876	0		1,728,445	4.5%
012-043	Multi-use - Industrial	0	0	0	0	0		0	
501	Individuals / Partnerships / Associ	420	6,116,741	435	6,914,166	15	3.6%	797,425	13.0%
502	Corporations	246	12,712,605	244	12,800,941	-2	-0.8%	88,336	0.7%
503	Manufacturing	0	0	0	0	0		0	
504	Public Utilities	2	42,683,274	2	44,975,180	0		2,291,906	5.4%
505	Centrally Valued Telephone	4	6,065,700	4	7,931,800	0		1,866,100	30.8%
506	Centrally Valued Pipelines	0	0	0	0	0		0	
508	Wireless Telephone	4	1,131,448	3	1,188,436	-1	-25.0%	56,988	5.0%
550-552	Electric Generating Plant	0	0	0	0	0		0	
EXEMPT VALUE	Exempt Property	241	461,741,600	240	510,406,000	-1	-0.4%	48,664,400	10.5%
Total Class 1	TOTAL RESIDENTIAL	7,660	5,459,918,769	7,692	6,166,884,624	32	0.4%	706,965,855	12.9%
Total Class 2	TOTAL OPEN SPACE	10	274,300	10	323,600	0		49,300	18.0%
Total Class 3	TOTAL COMMERCIAL	379	363,260,831	389	386,604,576	10	2.6%	23,343,745	6.4%
Total Class 4	TOTAL INDUSTRIAL	221	223,592,200	220	244,691,600	-1	-0.5%	21,099,400	9.4%
Total Class 5	TOTAL PERSONAL PROPERTY	676	68,709,768	688	73,810,523	12	1.8%	5,100,755	7.4%
Total Taxable	TOTAL REAL & PERSONAL	8,946	6,115,755,868	8,999	6,872,314,923	53	0.6%	756,559,055	12.4%

FY2024 Residential Assessments & Change in Tax Bill

Recommended Single \$9.97/\$1000 Tax Rate

Single Family Homes

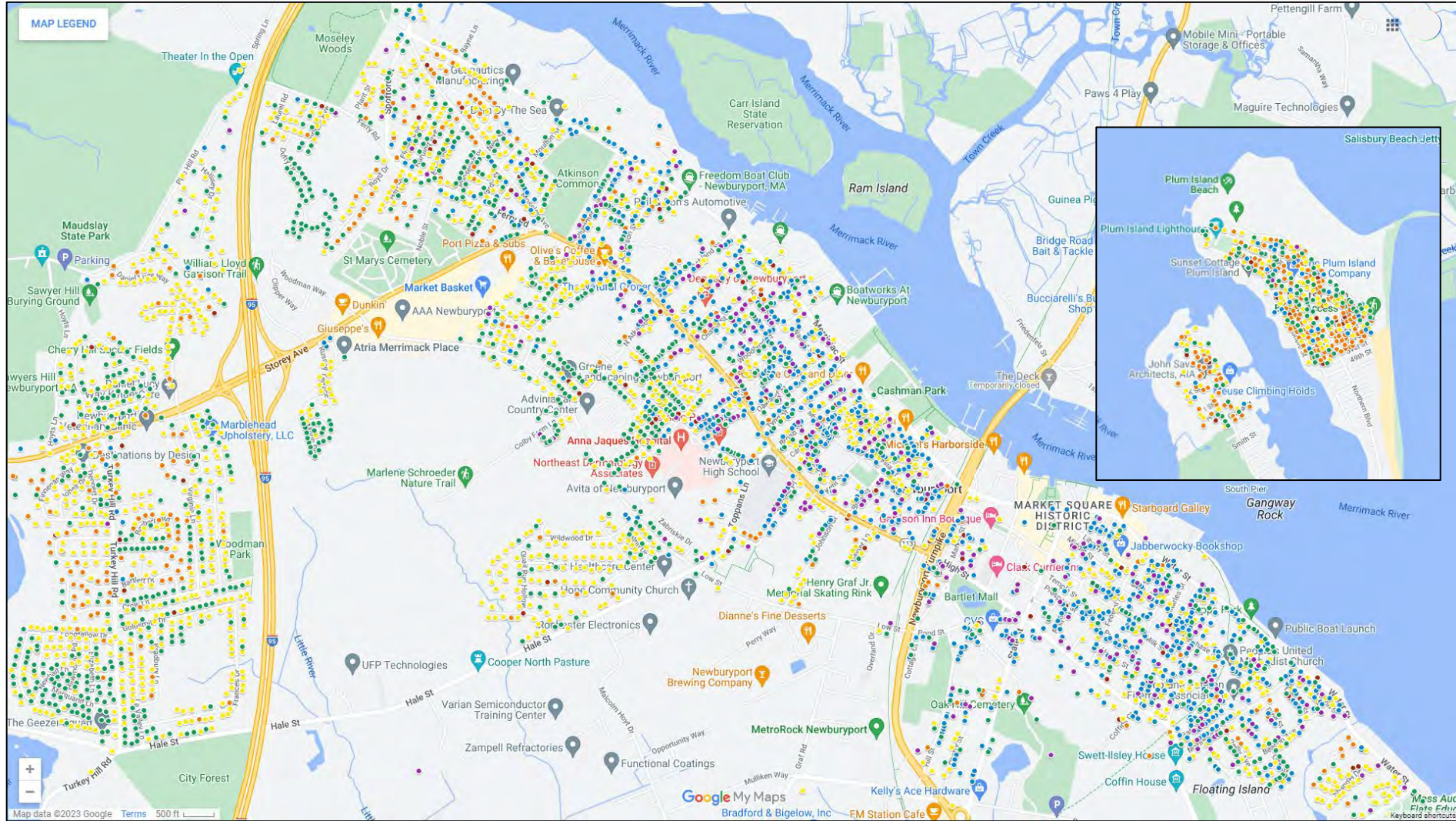


FY'24 Assessment	Count	Percentage	Avg % Chg Assessment	Avg % Chg Tax Bill
0-500K	61	1.4%	14.8%	6.6%
500K-750K	1,554	35.7%	13.4%	5.2%
750K-1M	1,374	31.6%	13.4%	5.3%
1M-1.25M	767	17.6%	14.1%	5.9%
1.25M-1.5M	297	6.8%	14.0%	5.8%
1.5M+	296	6.8%	14.7%	6.5%
Total	4,349	100.0%	13.8%	5.5%

Condos

FY'24 Assessment	Count	Percentage	Avg % Chg Assessment	Avg % Chg Tax Bill
0-500K	1,041	43.2%	10.5%	2.6%
500K-750K	834	34.6%	10.5%	2.5%
750K-1M	352	14.6%	14.1%	5.9%
1M-1.25M	109	4.5%	8.9%	1.1%
1.25M-1.5M	41	1.7%	12.2%	4.2%
1.5M+	32	1.3%	42.3%	32.1%
Total	2,409	100.0%	12.1%	4.1%

Change in Assessed Values (Single Family Homes) – FY2023 to FY2024



- <5%
- 5 to 10%
- 10 to 15%
- 15 to 20%
- 20 to 25%
- >25%

Interactive Map: <https://bit.ly/3UMn0CK>

New Tax Reform Legislation

- \$1 billion tax reform package signed into law by Governor Healey on October 4, 2023:
 - Expands the Child & Family Tax Credit
 - Increases to Rental Deduction, Senior Circuit Breaker Tax Credit and Housing Development Incentive Program
 - Changes to the Estate Tax and Short-Term Capital Gains Tax
- Sections 2 and 3 of the Act relate to property taxes:
 - Section 2: Increases the maximum senior work off abatement program amount from \$1,500 to \$2,000
 - Section 3: Creates a new local option property tax exemption for residential unit owners who rent their units year-round to income qualifying persons at an affordable rate

Pending issuance of Informational Guideline Release (IGR). Both sections can take effect starting in FY2025.

Programs to Assist Senior Newburyport Homeowners Pay their Property Taxes exempt carrie/All exmpts

FY 2024						
	PROPERTY TAX RELIEF				WORK PROGRAMS	CPA
PROGRAM NAME	Surviving Spouse and Elderly Exemption Clause 17D	Exemption for the Blind Clause 37A	Elderly Exemption Clause 41C	Property Tax Deferral Clause 41A	Municipal Employment <small>Senior Property Tax Work Program</small>	Community Preservation Act
ASSISTANCE TYPE	Reduces local property tax liability for homeowner who meets qualifications	Reduces local property tax liability for homeowners who are Legally Blind.	Reduces local property tax liability of senior homeowner	Delays property tax liability by entering into a deferral & recovery agreement with the city	Provides supplemental income to help senior pay property tax	Removes local CPA liability for homeowner who meets qualifications
ELIGIBLE AGE	Surviving spouse: (any age), Senior 70 & older, minor children (less than 18)	All	<u>65</u> & older	<u>65</u> & older	<u>60</u>	Over <u>60</u> by # in household
INCOME LIMIT	none	none	Single: \$37,846 Married: \$56,770 <small>(Includes SS Income Deduction)</small>	\$64,000	Individual \$64,000 Head of household \$80,000 Married: \$96,000	1 Person: 104,500 2 Persons: 119,450 <small>Possible medical deduction</small>
ASSET LIMIT	\$67,538	none	Single: \$64,382 Married: \$88,513	A 3% annual interest & one time recording fee will be charged until passing or sale	none	none
ASSISTANCE AMOUNT	\$296 up to \$592	\$500 up to \$1,000	\$1,000 up to \$2,000	some or all of the tax	Total # of hours worked (up to 100) x state minimum wage = Tax Credit	Total
APPLICATION PROCEDURE	Senior files application at Assessor's Office, 978-465-4403	Senior files application at Assessor's Office, 978-465-4403	Senior files application at Assessor's Office, 978-465-4403	Senior files application at Assessor's Office, 978-465-4403	Senior files application at Council On Aging office, 978-462-0430	Senior files application at Assessor's Office, 978-465-4403
WHEN TO FILE	January - April 1st	January - April 1st	January - April 1st	January - April 1st	Apply @ Senior Center	January - April 1st
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION	Applicants aged 70+ must have owned and occupied the property for 5 years.	Applicant must be registered with the Massachusetts Commission for the Blind as of July 1 of the tax year. 1-800-392-6450	Applicant must have resided in Mass for the preceeding 10 years & owned and occupied the property for 5 years. Own & occupy July 1st	Applicant must have resided in Mass for the preceeding 10 years and owned and occupied the property for 5 years. Own & occupy July 1st	Applicants are expected to be the owner of the property for which they pay taxes, and be experiencing difficulty making the property tax payments due to limited financial resources.	Applicants must own & occupy, age & income as of January 1st
No corps or business'						

CITY OF NEWBURYPORT



IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDERED:

November 13, 2023

THAT, the City of Newburyport adopts a **residential factor** of [] for **fiscal year 2024**.

Councillor Sharif I. Zeid

In City Council November 13, 2023:

Motion to collectively refer ORDR00505 and ORDR00508 to Budget & Finance, ORDR00506 and ORDR00507 to Budget & Finance & COTW, and ORDR00510 to Community Services by Councillor Zeid, seconded by Councillor McCauley. Roll call vote 11 yes.

CITY OF NEWBURYPORT



IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDERED:

November 13, 2023

THAT the City Council of the City of Newburyport authorizes the payment of the following [prior year bills](#) in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 64:

Department	Vendor	Amount
DPS-Water	John Spinale	\$1,071.70
	Total:	\$1,071.70

Councillor Sharif I. Zeid

In City Council November 13, 2023:

Motion to collectively refer ORDR00505 and ORDR00508 to Budget & Finance, ORDR00506 and ORDR00507 to Budget & Finance & COTW, and ORDR00510 to Community Services by Councillor Zeid, seconded by Councillor McCauley. Roll call vote 11 yes.

**CITY OF NEWBURYPORT**
GIFT ACCEPTANCE FORM

Ordered, that, the City of Newburyport accepts the following grant in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53A:

Date of Gift:	11/4/2023	
City Department:	DPS-Parks	
Staff Contact:	Kim Turner, Manager of Special Projects	
<i>Gift Overview</i>		
Gift Type:	In-Kind	
Donor:	Belleville Improvement Society Website URL of donor (if available)	
Purpose:	Belleville Improvement Society paid \$895.00 to APC Services, LLC out of Topsfield for work on the ceiling of the Atkinson Common Rock Tower. Work was completed while the contractor was mobilized for the restoration project funded by the Community Preservation Act.	
Gift Amount:	\$895.00	
<i>For Office Use Only</i>		
City Council Packet Date:	11/13/2023	
Emergency Measure?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

Councillor Sharif I. Zeid

In City Council November 13, 2023:

Councillor Wallace recused. Motion to collectively refer to Budget & Finance by Councillor Zeid, seconded by Councillor McCauley. Roll call vote 10 yes, 1 recused (Wallace).



CITY OF NEWBURYPORT FY 2024

RECEIVED
CITY CLERK'S OFFICE
NEWBURYPORT, MA

TRANSFER/APPROPRIATION REQUEST

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Department: Mayor's Office
Submitted by: Sean R. Reardon, Mayor **Date Submitted:** 11/13/2023

Transfer From:

Account Name:	<u>General Fund Free Cash</u>	Balance:	<u>\$ 3,234,995.80</u>
Account Number:	<u>01-35910</u>	Category:	<u>\$ -</u>
Amount:	<u>\$550,527.37</u>	Trans I/O:	<u>\$ (149,880.20)</u>

Why Funds Are Available:

The Massachusetts Department of Revenue certified Free Cash for FY2024 at \$3,384,876. These funds are available for any legal expenditure with the approval of the Mayor and a vote of the City Council.

Transfer To:

Account Name:	<u>Fire Boat Purchase</u>	Balance:	<u>\$ -</u>
Account Number:	<u>New Capital Account</u>	Category:	<u>\$ -</u>
Amount:	<u>\$550,527.37</u>	Trans I/O:	<u>\$ -</u>

Why Funds Are Needed:

Replacement vessel for the fire boat that sank in June 2022. See attached memorandum.

Sean R. Reardon, Mayor:



Date: 11/6/2023.

Ethan R. Manning, Auditor:



Date: 11/6/2023

City Council Action:



CITY OF NEWBURYPORT
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
SEAN R. REARDON, MAYOR

To: President and Members of the City Council
From: Mayor Sean R. Reardon
Date: November 7, 2023
Subject: Purchase of SAFE 29-Foot Walk-Around Cabin Fire Boat

I am writing to request an appropriation of \$550,527 from available free cash to fund the purchase of a SAFE 29-foot walk-around cabin fire boat. This funding will cover the final cost of delivery to Newburyport from Washington State. Funding derives from an insurance settlement that the City received following the sinking of our previous fire boat in June 2022. The total insurance settlement amounted to \$574,000, with \$17,550 used for removal and towing expenses. As a result, a remaining balance of \$556,450 closed to free cash at year-end.

The deadline to secure this price and guarantee a delivery date for the fall of 2024 is December 7, 2023. However, we anticipate that the boat may arrive in time for the Yankee Homecoming Fireworks in 2024.

The SAFE 29 is a boat covered by a General Services Administration (GSA) contract, manufactured by SAFE Boats in Washington State. The full GSA quote is available [here](#). Government-set prices are effective from January, and we run the risk of facing a price increase if we do not finalize the contract before that date. Importantly, this manufacturer is the same one that recently delivered the harbormaster's patrol boat, and the cost falls within the amount recovered from insurance.

The need to replace the Fire Storm 32, which sank in June 2022, is evident. Newburyport has nine marinas, a city-owned dock capable of accommodating boats up to 200 feet in length, a gas dock, and Massachusetts' busiest boat ramp located at Cashman Park. Additionally, we have miles of river and oceanfront, along with several islands within our jurisdiction. Fighting fires in many of our waterfront buildings, bars, and restaurants is only feasible from the water. We estimate the collective value of over 1,500 boats on docks or moorings to be at least \$500 million. Some of the transient boats at the City docks are valued at over \$30 million.

Chief Bradbury established a committee within the Fire Department, in collaboration with input from the Harbormaster. We have concluded that the SAFE 29-footer is the best-suited fire boat for our diverse needs. This will be the third SAFE Boat in the city, and it has demonstrated a strong track record.

We reached out to a total of four GSA-registered companies and received responses from three; all quotes received ranged from \$500,000 to \$580,000. After consulting with several fire

chiefs in Florida and Texas, we are confident that this boat is the right choice for our department.

Over the past year, we have had four incidents of boat fires, including a fishing party boat, a boat at a marina, one boat on the city docks, and one off Salisbury Beach. During this period, the entire area was covered by Salisbury's 25-foot SAFE Boat, which boasts a pump rated at 350 gallons per minute. The SAFE 29, with a pump rated at 500 gallons per minute, is expected to meet our requirements, although this represents the minimum standard.

The boat will be staffed as it has been in the past: one engine will respond to the reported address with the ladder truck, while another engine will respond to Cashman Park with three firefighters to operate the boat. Overtime expenses will be consistent with those incurred during any house fire. Boat training will be conducted during regular shifts, eliminating the need for additional overtime costs. It's worth noting that many of our firefighters can operate the boat with minimal training. The boat will only be staffed for specific details on days such as the Yankee Homecoming Fireworks and anti-terrorism training in Gloucester.

Maintenance costs are anticipated to be minimal. The boat is trailer-mounted, eliminating costs associated with launching or hauling. During the winter, the boat will be stored indoors, obviating the need for shrink wrapping. Our projected annual costs are expected to fall between \$2,000 and \$3,000, covering maintenance of the two outboard engines and fuel expenses.

Finally, this fire boat plays a crucial role in protecting our boating community. It is used to respond to boating fires, drownings, grass fires on our islands, oil spills in our river, and is an active member of the anti-terrorism task force that trains annually out of Gloucester. It also responds to mutual aid requests as far away as Haverhill or Kittery, Maine.

It's essential to note that the US Coast Guard does not provide firefighting services for fires on boats other than their own. Newburyport's Fire Department has clear use cases for this necessary piece of equipment, and they have worked with the City's finance and purchasing staff to select the right model through the proper process. We are happy to answer any other questions you have about this request.

Thank you for your consideration.

Revised



CITY OF NEWBURYPORT FY 2024 TRANSFER/APPROPRIATION REQUEST

Revised November 20, 2023

Department: Mayor's Office

Submitted by: Sean R. Reardon, Mayor

Date Submitted: 11/13/2023

Transfer From:

Account Name:	<u>General Fund Free Cash</u>	Balance:	<u>\$ 3,234,995.80</u>
Account Number:	<u>01-35910</u>	Category:	<u>\$ -</u>
Amount:	<u>\$280,978.00 \$402,989</u>	Trans I/O:	<u>\$ (149,880.20)</u>

Why Funds Are Available:

The Massachusetts Department of Revenue certified Free Cash for FY2024 at \$3,384,876. These funds are available for any legal expenditure with the approval of the Mayor and a vote of the City Council.

Transfer To:

Account Name:	<u>General Fund Budget Reserve</u>	Balance:	<u>\$ -</u>
Account Number:	<u>01-32801</u>	Category:	<u>\$ -</u>
Amount:	<u>\$280,978.00 \$402,989</u>	Trans I/O:	<u>\$ -</u>

Why Funds Are Needed:

An appropriation from Free Cash is recommended to defray a portion of the property tax increase for fiscal year 2024.

Sean R. Reardon, Mayor:

Ethan R. Manning, Auditor:

City Council Action:




Date:

11/20/2023

Date:

11/20/2023



CITY OF NEWBURYPORT
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
SEAN R. REARDON, MAYOR

To: President and Members of the City Council
From: Mayor Sean R. Reardon
Date: November 20, 2023
Subject: Revised Transfer #176 (Use of Free Cash for Tax Rate)

On November 16, 2023, the Budget and Finance Committee reviewed the proposed tax rate for FY2024. Our original plan proposed using \$280,978 from free cash to soften the impact of this year's tax increases. However, the committee has recommended increasing this allocation to \$525,000.

The goal of my administration's proposal was to strike a balance: moderating the tax burden for residents, ensuring enough funds for an extensive list of capital projects, and maintaining flexibility for any unforeseen needs through the end of the year. The projected expenses for FY2024's capital projects to be funded from free cash, which include both planned and newly emerged needs, are estimated at \$1.4 million. Given our free cash balance of about \$2.2 million¹, this would result in a remaining sum of \$300,000-\$400,000². This amount is significantly below our standard reserve minimum of \$700,000.

While I do not believe that using an increased amount of free cash is best fiscal practice for the city, in response to the committee's request, I have increased the free cash appropriation request to \$402,989. This figure represents a compromise between our original plan and the committee's higher proposal, setting the tax rate at \$9.96 per thousand. Compared to the maximum rate allowed by state law, this saves the average single-family taxpayer \$104 per year.

Please find the revised transfer request attached for your consideration.

¹ Certified free cash of \$3,384,876 less \$700,408 in submitted transfers and \$445,000 in contingencies (OPEB, stabilization fund, overtime, snow and ice, etc.).

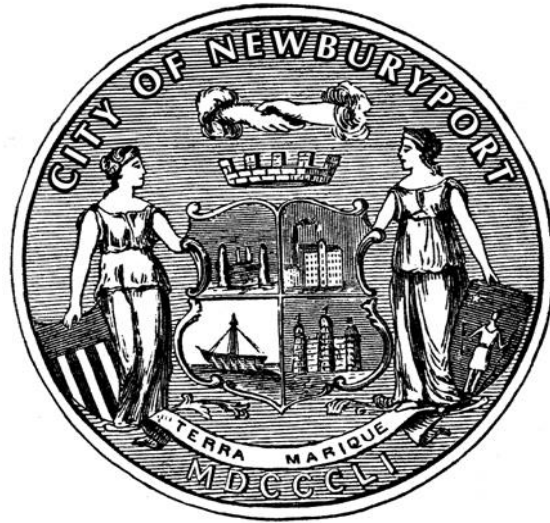
² Remaining balance of \$2.2 million less potential capital of \$1.4 million less tax rate offset of \$525,000.

Committee Items – November 27, 2023

Public Works & Safety

In Committee:

- COMM00516_11_13_2023 Snow and Ice Plan 2023-2024



City of Newburyport
Department of Public Services

SNOW AND ICE PLAN

2023-2024 Season

Sean Reardon, Mayor

Wayne S. Amaral, DPS Director

Jonathan U. Carey, DPS Deputy Director

Ronald Keefe, General Foreman

Jennifer Sullivan, Highway Operations Manager

Introduction:

The City of Newburyport Department of Public Services takes great pride in making our public roadways as safe as possible under the worst of winter conditions. Keeping our public ways safe and accessible during snow and ice events is of highest priority in order to reduce the likelihood of personal injury to the general public, automobile crashes and property damage. Our goal is to quickly open the streets and make them passable so that essential vehicular traffic can safely negotiate roadways. Residents can help us do this by working together.

Snow Emergency Parking Ban:

DPS will implement a Snow Emergency Parking Ban when it is predicted that we will receive two or more inches of snow accumulation. If a parking ban is in effect, it will appear on the City's website www.cityofnewburyport.com. To receive email notifications, go to the city website and select the "Notify Me" tab on the homepage and sign up. In addition, fifteen (15) flashing blue lights will be activated throughout the city, typically 6 hours in advance before a declared snow emergency. The locations of these beacons are:

March's Hill at Bromfield St.

Route 113 @ Park and Ride

Graf Rd at Low St

Route 113 at Artichoke

Water St. at Shandel Dr.

Market Square

Griffin House at Atkinson Common (3 Roads)

Malcolm Hoyt Dr. at Parker St.

High St. at State St.

Route 1 Rotary and State St.

Route 1 at Merrimac St.

Merrimac, Moseley and Spofford (Roundabout)

Storey Ave. (113 East) at 95 South Ramp Entrance

Green St. at Merrimac St

Turkey Hill at Hale St.

You may also contact The Department of Public Services Weather Event and Emergency Information Line at 978-463-0472 to find out the status of the parking ban. Parking regulations are strictly enforced to ensure that streets remain accessible for snowplows, Fire apparatus, and other emergency vehicles. **Any vehicle that impedes the snow removal process may be fined and towed at the owner's expense.**

Alternate Delegated Parking Areas:

The City of Newburyport offers alternative designated parking areas for on-street cars that include the following: Titcomb Street Parking Garage, Green Street Municipal Lot (except in areas posted no parking during snow emergency), Cushing Park (Washington Street), Waterfront Lots East and West, Hales Court Lot (corner of Hales Court and Prince Place), the Park and Ride Lot at 90 Storey Ave, and the State Street Lot (corner of Harris Street and State Street). All alternate delegated parking areas are park at own risk. In order for DPS to clear these lots, temporary parking bans and vehicle removal may be posted and announced on the City website, social media and Weather Event and Emergency Information Line at 978-463-0472. After snow removal is complete in a lot, lots will open for parking.

PLEASE NOTE: All vehicles must adhere to any parking regulation in the above listed lots within 12 hours following the cancellation of the snow emergency (weekends included) or vehicles are subject to fines.

SNOW EMERGENCY CANCELLATION INFORMATION may be obtained by checking www.cityofnewburyport.com or calling the Weather Event and Emergency Information Line at (978)-463-0472.

DPS will rescind the city-wide Snow Emergency parking restriction as soon as possible. The city-wide parking restriction will only be lifted when the DPS Director, Deputy Director or General Foreman determine that on- street parking will not cause a public safety issue to emergency response vehicles. DPS may seek advice from the City Marshal or Fire Chief to assist in making this determination.

On some narrow streets, the DPS may post temporary no parking signs after the snow emergency has been lifted in order to maintain a safe and adequate vehicle travel lane. Many of these streets are located in Wards 1, 2 and 3. DPS will evaluate these streets on a daily basis to see if these signs may be removed once the roadway has an adequate travel lane width.

Snow Plowing:

The following is a general description of how the Department of Public Services (DPS) clears snow from City streets.

Step 1. Pretreatment (1"-2" of accumulated snow)

When a snowstorm is predicted, DPS begins by pretreating all main and secondary roads prior to the storm starting. This serves two purposes: to keep traffic safely moving and to prevent the snow from bonding to the pavement. If the snow event is less than 2" inches of accumulated snow, DPS may halt salting operations once all of the roads have been pretreated and evaluate if additional treatment is required.

Step 2. Snow plowing/clearing (2" or greater)

Snow plowing begins when snow accumulates two (2) or more inches. Over 48 city and privately-operated snow clearing vehicles/equipment may be dispatched to respond to a snow plowing event. DPS crews and private contractors will continue to plow until the snow event ends. DPS will continue to monitor the conditions of the roadways and determine if additional snow clearing equipment is needed or if equipment may need to be reassigned to another section of the city.

Step 3. Post storm clean-up and clearing

Once the snow event has concluded, DPS conducts city-wide final snow clearing operations. This procedure includes one last round of snow clearing and placing salt to prevent freezing issues. General cleanup then occurs to make the roadways safe for vehicular and pedestrian traffic. Snow removal from corners, piles, etc. operation may take days or weeks, depending on total amount snow accumulation. DPS will prioritize this operation based on the following in order of importance.

1. Main streets and school routes are treated to achieve the safest possible conditions.
2. Secondary roads and major intersections are treated to improve safety.
3. Snow piles at intersections are removed from the corners to improve sight lines for existing vehicles.
Snow may be removed from narrow streets to improve the access for emergency and public service vehicles. Snow removal is time consuming and labor intensive; the DPS Director or Deputy Director will prioritize these streets solely based on public safety.

SAFETY REMINDER: When driving, please stay 200 feet behind any snowplow and NEVER pass a plow truck. Snowplow operators do not have adequate visibility.

Sidewalks:

The removal of snow and ice from sidewalks is the responsibility of tenants, occupants and property owners. The City of Newburyport clears designated sidewalks following each storm, but only after all of the roads have been cleared. These sidewalks are in the downtown areas, surrounding schools and other city-owned property.

The City's Code of Ordinances ([Sec. 12-52](#)) requires tenants, occupants and property owners to remove snow and ice from their bordering sidewalks within six hours after the snow ceases to fall if it ceases to fall in the daytime and before 12:00 noon if it ceases to fall in the nighttime. If a property owner/occupant neglects to do so, he/she shall be subject to fine of \$50 per event. Violations of this section may be enforced by any Police Officer, Health Director or his/her designees.

Driveways

DPS tries to minimize the amount of snow that gets plowed across driveways, however, snow plows cannot "go around" driveways. Plow blades cannot be lifted as they pass by a driveway. Unfortunately, snow will be plowed into driveways during curb-to-curb plowing. You may wish to clear your driveway several times during the storm or wait until the storm and plowing activities have ended.

Snowplowing, shoveling, or throwing snow back onto the street when clearing driveways, yards, roofs or sidewalks is prohibited by City Ordinance [Sec. 12-7](#) and violators can be fined \$50.

Mailboxes, Fences & Shrubbery Damage

The City will not pay for damaged mailboxes, fences, and shrubbery **unless actual contact is made**. Residents should mark out such items in drift prone areas. Claims for these damages should be submitted to the Auditor's Office no more than 30 days to be considered for replacement or reimbursement at the City's option.

Notifications

All residents and business owners are strongly urged to sign up for announcements or urgent alerts from any or all City departments. On the City of Newburyport's website homepage, click on the large gray button that reads "Notify Me" to choose your notification preferences. Weather-related and other emergency notifications are provided by the City via news announcement posted to the website. If you are signed up for notifications, you will receive an e-mail alert letting you know that a new announcement has been posted by the city. This is especially useful in receiving the latest messages about parking restrictions and other information.

GPS Communications:

DPS has GPS units in all plowing vehicles allowing for accurate record keeping of time, location, fuel consumption, speed and safety. DPS and contracted plowing vehicles are all equipped with the units. The GPS units also help with making sure roads are cleared in a fair amount of time, helps alleviate damage claims to property and break downs.

Please note that this plan is always a work in progress. DPS learns from our experiences and technology changes, DPS may find different ways to conduct pretreatment, snow clearing and snow removal with greater efficiency and lower cost.