

Financial Policies Status Update – September 2019

	Target	Actual	Comments	Target Status	Comparison to Previous Year
B. 2. Operating Reserve Fund – shall be .5% of total general fund operating budget, net of debt service. Per new policy.	\$419,180 .5%	FY20 Budget \$400,000	At approximate target. \$400,000 is a comfortable budget, but should increase to \$425K in FY21.	✓	Continue to Meet Target
B. 3. Free Cash – shall maintain at 4% of general fund operating budget, net of debt service.	\$3,353,447 4%	\$6,637,200 7.9%	Actual is at goal. Full amount <u>before</u> use of any free cash. This allows us to utilize standard free cash amount for FY21 budget and still meet target. FY19 unused was \$2.6M which is below target.	X	Continued Improvement
D. 3. Reserve accounts – shall maintain at 8% of general fund operating revenues, net of debt service. Total reserve goals should be maintained at 4% in general fund and 4% in stabilization account.	Stabilization Target 4% \$3,580,927 Total 8% or \$7,161,855	Stabilization 3.7% \$3,334,981 Total 11.1% or \$9,972,181	Stabilization approximately \$245K short of target. Total is over target. This would be <u>before</u> use of free cash. Allows for standard use of free cash, and then remain at target.	✓	Stable On Track With Target
D.4 Annual OPEB appropriation – the Town will appropriate no less than \$550,000 per year to the OPEB Liability Trust Fund.	Minimum \$550,000	\$1,440,000	FY20 budget includes \$1,440,000 appropriation. Above minimum target and on track with required funding.	✓	Significant Improvement Target Could be Increased
E. 4. General fund nonexempt debt service should not exceed 8% of net general fund revenues.	Not exceed 8% Or \$7,161,855	3.7% \$3,312,165	Target is met. Non exempt debt service is at approximately ½ of maximum target.	✓	Continue to Meet Target
E. 4. Total General fund exempt and nonexempt debt should not exceed 10-12% of net general fund revenues.	Not exceed 12% Or \$10,742,782	6.8% \$6,056,779	Target is met. Total debt is well below target. There is approved, but not yet issued debt of \$6.1M	✓	Continue to Meet Target
F. 5. Investment in capital stock – will maintain 3% of general fund operating budget, net of debt, on ongoing capital maintenance and replacement.	\$2,515,085 3%	\$2,339,000 2.8%	Actual is approximately \$176K short of target. Actual at 93% of target. Base capital has been increased incrementally from \$823K to \$2.33M. In each of the last 4 years, we have added an additional \$700-\$1.3M of capital <u>above</u> the base.	Close to Target	Continued Improvement and Additional Capital

G. 5. Maintain sewer retained earnings – will maintain 10% of sewer fund revenues.	\$579,017 10%	\$4,110,222 71%	Actual is well above target, due to new commercial connect fees to be used for capital maintenance of system and other reserve requirements.	✓	Well Above Target
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Other Policies – September 2019

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B.1. General Fund – Annual budget should be prepared covering operating expenditures with current operating revenue, not non-recurring revenue sources.	No Free Cash used for operating budget.	✓	Target has been met consistently
D.3. Reserves – Town will strive to make annual appropriation to the Stabilization Fund	\$125,000 appropriation to stabilization reserve at 2019 Annual Town Meeting, funded by free cash. Will continue in FY21 budget plan. Current balance in stabilization account is \$3.3M	✓	Target has been met consistently
D.4. OPEB – Town will strive to move towards fully funding ARC (Annual Required Contribution).	\$1,440,000 appropriated to OPEB reserve at 2019 Annual Town Meeting, within budget funds. This is currently on target with required annual payment (ARC). OPEB trust account now has a balance of \$10.3M.	✓	Greatly Improved On Target with ARC from Current Valuation
F.2. Capital Planning – Town will develop a multi-year plan for capital improvements.	Produced 5-year Capital Improvement Plan document; will continue to improve document and produce on an annual basis.	✓	Same