

THE TOWN OF MARSHFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS
ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL REPORT



FOR THE YEAR
JULY 1, 2023 – JUNE 30, 2024

On the cover:

The Town's Senior Center



Pictured above is one of the Town's many beaches.

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Town of Marshfield, Massachusetts**

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Introductory Section



Pictured above is the Daniel Webster Estate.

Introductory Section



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Letter of Transmittal

March 27, 2025

To the Honorable Select Board and the Citizens of the Town of Marshfield:

State law requires the Town of Marshfield to publish at the close of each year a complete set of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) that are audited in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards by a firm of licensed certified public accountants. Pursuant to that requirement, we hereby issue this Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) of the Town of Marshfield, Massachusetts, for the year ending June 30, 2024, for your review.

This report consists of management's representations concerning the finances of the Town. Consequently, management assumes full responsibility for the completeness and reliability of all of the information presented in this report. To provide a reasonable basis for making these representations, management of the Town has established a comprehensive internal control framework that is designed to both protect the Town's assets from loss, theft, or misuse and to compile sufficient reliable information for the preparation of the Town's financial statements in conformity with GAAP. As management, we assert that this financial report is complete and reliable in all material respects.

The ACFR is designed to be used by the elected and appointed officials of Marshfield in addition to those entities concerned with the Town's management and development including credit rating agencies, bond analysts, investors and financial institutions. The format of the report enables the Town to present complex financial data in a manner that is easier for citizens and taxpayers of the Town of Marshfield to review and understand.

The Town of Marshfield's financial statements have been audited by CBIZ CPAs, a firm of licensed certified public accountants. The goal of the independent audit was to provide reasonable assurance that the financial statements of the Town of Marshfield for the year ended June 30, 2024, are free of material misstatement. The independent audit involved examining on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements; assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management; and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. The independent auditor concluded, based upon the audit, that there was a reasonable basis for rendering an unmodified opinion on the Town of Marshfield's financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2024, and that they are fairly presented in conformity with GAAP. The independent auditors' report is presented as the first component of the financial section of this report.

The independent audit of the financial statements of the Town of Marshfield was part of a broader, federally mandated “Single Audit” designed to meet the special needs of federal grantor agencies. The standards governing Single Audit engagements require the independent auditor to report not only on the fair presentation of the financial statements, but also on the audited government’s internal controls and compliance with legal requirements, with special emphasis on internal controls and legal requirements involving the administration of federal awards. These reports are available in the Town of Marshfield’s separately issued Single Audit Report.

GAAP requires that management provide a narrative introduction, overview, and analysis to accompany the basic financial statements in the form of Management’s Discussion and Analysis (MD&A). This letter of transmittal is designed to complement MD&A and should be read in conjunction with it. The Town of Marshfield’s MD&A can be found immediately following the report of the independent auditors.

Profile of Town

The Town of Marshfield was incorporated in 1640 and occupies a land area of approximately 28.35 square miles; noted by the local population as a “community of villages.” It is governed by an open Town Meeting form of government and the Chief Executive Officer is the Select Board. The day-to-day operation of the Town is managed on behalf of the Select Board by a Town Administrator. Marshfield is located in southeastern Massachusetts in Plymouth County and has been recognized as one of the safest communities, ranked 13th, in the United States in 2020. The Town of Marshfield is bordered by the Atlantic Ocean on the east, Duxbury on the south and southeast, Pembroke and Norwell on the west, and Scituate on the north. Marshfield is a coastal town located in east central Plymouth County approximately 32 miles south of Boston, 18 miles east of Brockton, 48 miles northeast of Providence, RI, and 225 miles north of New York City. State routes 3, 3A, and 139 are the principal highways and roads serving the Town. Chartered flights throughout New England are available at the Marshfield Municipal Airport. The Commuter Rail is in close proximity to Marshfield, giving residents ready access into the City of Boston and other adjacent communities. The Greater Attleboro Taunton Regional Transit Authority (GATRA) provides local bus service from Plymouth to Scituate, including services for persons with disabilities.

Local legislative decisions are made by an open Town Meeting, the purest form of democracy, consisting of all registered voters in the Town. Subject to the legislative decisions made by the Town Meeting, the affairs of the Town are administered by a three-member Select Board, as well as five other elected Boards. According to the U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Census conducted in 2021, the Town's population was 26,125. However, the Town's summer population is estimated to increase to 47,000 as voted by the Select Board at their meeting of January 13, 2025.

Local school affairs are administered by a five-member School Committee through the School Superintendent. Local taxes are assessed by a three-member elected Board of Assessors; all elected for staggered three-year terms on an at large basis. A three-member Board of Public Works, similarly elected, oversees the Town’s principally self-supporting Sewer, Water, and Solid Waste enterprise funds, in addition to the Highway and Cemetery Departments.

The Town of Marshfield provides general governmental services for the territory within its boundaries, including police and fire protection, public education in grades kindergarten through twelve, typical municipal financial services, water and sewer services, solid waste disposal, a library, streets, parks, services to senior citizens and veterans, and recreational activities.

The Town of Marshfield's commitment to open space, historical preservation and community housing is evidenced by its acceptance of the Community Preservation Act beginning in the year 2002 at the maximum 3% surcharge. These funds have been authorized by Town Meeting for the purchase of over 350 acres of open space preserving and protecting aquifers, habitats, woodlands, marshland, and meadows. As of 2022, the Town of Marshfield has over 5,950 acres of conservation protected land out of an estimated 18,100 acres within the Town's borders.

Factors Affecting Economic Condition

The information presented in the financial statements is perhaps best understood when it is considered from the broader perspective of the specific environment within which the Town operates.

The Town continues to manage its financial affairs in a prudent manner. Standard & Poor's reconfirmed in July of 2018, June 26, 2019, July 13, 2020, July 12, 2021, June 29, 2022, and on July 11, 2023, the Town's bond rating to AA+ and a short term BAN rating of SP+1 (highest short term note attainable) with a stable outlook which is reflective of management's incorporation of long range planning tools such as a five year Capital Improvement Program; a three year strategic budget plan; maintenance of reserve balances despite tight budget; a free cash policy that funds the Town's stabilization fund by using free cash each fall. The Stabilization fund had a balance of \$6 million in reserve and the OPEB fund has a balance in reserve of \$887,000. The Town receives additional revenue from our portion of the meals tax, which was \$657,000, Local Option Room Occupancy Tax which was \$240,000, and cannabis revenue of \$172,000 for a total of \$1.1 million for FY2024. Our investment strategy of investing in technology to ensure efficient operations; and maintaining an aggressive debt management strategy for capital improvements and pursuing pay-as-you-go options whenever possible, has proven to be fiscally successful. Town Meeting approved a \$48.9 million-dollar debt exclusion in November of 2019. I am happy to report that the projects have been completed under budget and the buildings are occupied by our employees and staff. The Town seeks grant opportunities for operational services and capital improvements.

The Town faced fiscal challenges in the past, mostly tied to personnel issues and has not only resolved those challenges but came to a conclusion that will make the Town fiscally strong for years to come by providing a level of succession planning that has not existed in the past.

The Town has also enhanced its revenue flexibility by establishing enterprise funds. This has allowed the Town to shift one hundred percent of operating cost and capital improvements to the users of sewer, water, and solid waste services so that no tax support goes towards providing these services. All related debt, except as discussed above, is funded through user fees. By doing so, the Town can provide the maximum tax dollars available to all other services.

Major Initiatives

Flood Insurance: Marshfield continues to repair and enhance seawalls along the coast. This year a segment along Brant Rock on the high end of Ocean Street was repaired. The Town and FEMA have found the new section sustainably reduces wave overtopping of the seawall, this in turn lowers damage to properties and Town infrastructure during storm events. This has led FEMA to ask Marshfield to study and submit a Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) for the recently completed Brant Rock section of seawall replacement. The Town has started the LOMR process with support of the scientific consultant Woods Hole Group.

The Town is close to reaching another milestone, a 20% reduction in flood insurance due to the efforts of the Town's Community Rating System/Program for Public Information (CRS/PPI) committee. Our residents who are in a National Flood Insurance Program will receive a 15% reduction. This represents a cumulative total of \$350,000 in savings for FY2023 for our residents.

Beach Nourishment: Marshfield, with the assistance of the Woods Hole Group, secured a second Coastal Zone Management (CZM) beach nourishment grant for the Bay Avenue area of Green Harbor. Upon completion, of Green Harbor/Bay Avenue, the Town will have 60 feet of beach nourishment added in front of the seawall at high tide. This will provide a major improvement in protecting the sea wall, the homes directly behind it and the Town infrastructure in the Green Harbor/Bay Avenue area. The anticipated completion date of the project is March 2025.



Marshfield's Long Term Coastal Resiliency Plan (Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) Grant): Marshfield, with the assistance of the Woods Hole Group, recently completed a Long-Term Coastal Resiliency Plan. This Plan provides the Town with policy recommendations and potential zoning changes to proactively reduce future coastal flooding and erosion vulnerabilities and, if necessary, a plan to rebuild in a more resilient way after a catastrophic event. The plan covers the coastal section of the Town from Rexhame Beach down to the Duxbury Line at Bay Avenue. The Town is currently pursuing funding for the reconstruction of the Green Harbor Dyke this will provide additional flood protection for over 400 homes behind the Dyke.

Reuse of the Green Harbor Dredge Material: The Town and Woods Hole Group working with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineer (USACE) as part of the 2026-27 Green Harbor Jetty improvement project will be relocating dredge material on the beach in Green Harbor.

The Town implemented a large-scale beach and dune nourishment program. Marshfield, working with the Town of Duxbury and CZM, has gotten all the permitting requirements and has started the first phase of actual beach nourishment this past winter from December 2023 to February 23, 2024. 85,935 cubic yards of material were placed on the Green Harbor and Gurnet Road Beach areas in Marshfield and Duxbury.

Other Recommended Actions: The Town purchased and installed a generator at the Grace E. Ryder Housing complex. The Town continues to maintain and repair seawalls, upgraded drainage and resurfaced the parking at the library and the skate park/Levitate parking lot. In Brant Rock, the DPW will use their Complete Street grant to make improvements to the esplanade with the bull nose plan that includes upgrading and resurfacing of the Brant Rock Esplanade. The Town is in the process of installing a generator at the library to serve as a warming and recharging area during storms.

Recreation Spaces: The Town has the most popular skateboard park in southeastern Massachusetts and a notable recreational facility, Peter Igo Park, both of which opened for business in 2016. Peter Igo Park’s focal point may be tennis; but basketball, pickleball, and kayaking are also on the Park’s itinerary. The Harbor Park was also opened allowing our residents additional access to the harbor area. Harbor Park and the Peter Igo Park are connected by a walkway. Also, the Library Plaza development got underway and was opened in the spring of 2017. The Town opened new ball fields in the Planned Mixed-Use Development (PMUD). In August of 2018, the Town opened its long-awaited new Maritime Center on the Town Pier.



Marshfield Dog Park: The Fall 2020 Special Town Meeting approved the building of a Dog Park in the PMUD. Design and construction will be funded in part by a grant from the Stanton Foundation. The Community Preservation Committee (CPC) also contributed \$175,000 to this important project. The groundbreaking for this project took place in December 2022, with the Dog Park completion in summer 2023. On Saturday, July 29, 2023, the Dog Park Officially opened with a ribbon cutting and many happy dogs and their owners.



Marshfield Dog Park Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Marshfield Early Education Center: Established in September 2023, this landmark located at 255 Furnace Street underwent a transformation under the auspices of Marshfield Public Schools, following overwhelming support at the Fall 2022 Special Town Meeting. Notable enhancements included comprehensive HVAC upgrades, extensive regrading efforts, the installation of accessibility ramps, and the creation of a vibrant new playground. At present, the center boasts four meticulously designed classrooms, serving as the educational hub for over 100 eager young learners each week. In a poignant tribute the center in June of 2024 in a renaming ceremony, becoming the Granatino Early Education Center, a fitting homage to the distinguished legacy of retiring Superintendent Jeffrey Granatino, who has dedicated his career to fostering excellence within Marshfield's educational landscape.

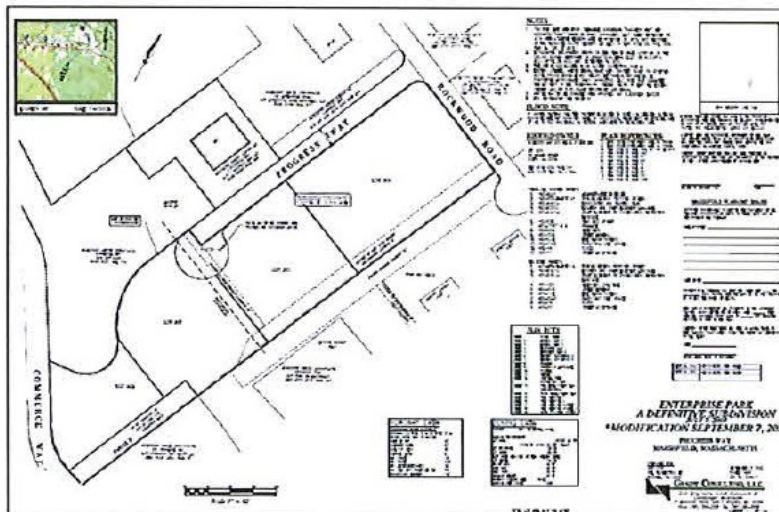
Current Development Information

The Planning Board and the Chamber of Commerce worked with the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) on updating the Economic Development section of the Master Plan. The update was completed by June of 2023. The Planning Board is currently working on updating the Housing section of the Master Plan and continues to work on the second beach nourishment grant from CZM, this work is to be finished by March 28, 2025. Working with other Town departments and the Woods Hole Group, the Planning Board completed the Town's Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan.



Beach Nourishment Grant Project

Progress Way Subdivision and Site Plan for Industrial Building: Progress Way is a 700-foot-long roadway off of Rockwood Road in the Industrial/PMUD district. The roadway provides access to several additional industrial lots. Two of the lots have already been developed and this includes a 16,800 sq. ft. (Roofing company) and a 87,735 sq. ft. (Moving company).



Highland Green: Highland Green is a 22 unit attached townhouse development off of Proprietors Green, Seth Sprague and Old Woodlot Lane. The roadway, drainage, grading, and all buildings are complete.

Modera: Modera is a comprehensive permit (40B) by the Zoning Board of Appeals. The development is on the corner of Commerce Way and Endeavor Drive, which is located in the Industrial Park off Route 139. The development consists of 248 units of townhouses and three-story garden style apartments, a club house, a pool, and interior roadways and parking. The project is complete.



Mill Creek: Mill Creek, a comprehensive permit (40B) with 270 (all rental) units, was approved by the Zoning Board of Appeals. This development will be located on Commerce Way near the recently completed 248-unit Modera development and is under construction.

Bridle Crossing: Bridle Crossing, a comprehensive permit (40B) with 56 units (all rental), was approved by the Zoning Board of Appeal. This development is located off of Ferry Street and construction is expected to begin in the fall of 2025.

Proprietor's Marketplace: The marketplace is the second phase of a mixed-use multiple building development. The second phase includes three buildings. Two of the three buildings are now occupied. Both buildings contain a commercial area on the first floor and 5 two story residential condos above. A third mixed-use building has been approved for commercial use on the first floor and 5 additional residential units above. Plans for the third building have been approved and construction is underway.



Adelaide Way: Is a 15-lot subdivision approved and under construction on Webster Street in the Green Harbor area of Town. The roadway base coat and drainage are in place and 13 of the homes have been completed. The Subdivision is expected to be completed by the fall of 2025.

Commerce Way:

- Diagenix Corporation is a 15,000 sq. ft. office and warehouse building located on Commerce Way, which connects Enterprise Drive to Proprietor's Way. The project was reviewed and approved in 40 days. The building has been completed and occupied.
- 175 Commerce Way will be a 55,783 sq. ft. industrial building housing a Pile Driving contractor (under construction).
- 51 Commerce Way is a 28,050 sq. ft. private school (NE Academy), which has opened.



- 45 Proprietors Way is a 13,000 sq. ft. daycare, Starboard Academy, which opened in February 2024.



Wright's Way: Wright's Way is a 13-lot subdivision off Ferry Street connected to John Sherman. The roadway's roadway and homes are completed.

Direct Granite: 600 Plain Street is a rehabilitation and expansion of a commercial building on Route 139 by adding a 43' x 120' long building to the existing 45' x 76' metal building. The building will be a combined retail sales and cutting and fabrication of countertops. The building construction is complete, and the building is open.

Health Circle, 120 Enterprise Drive: A proposed reuse of the existing 13,000 sq. ft. roofing office and storage facility into an Adult Recreational Marijuana retail operation. This project is permitted, and construction has started.

Frozen Four, 985 Plain Street: A 14,000 sq. ft., marijuana preparation, packaging and retail operation which opened for business in December 2021.

Quirk Auto Sales: An expansion storage and display area for an additional 127 cars on Route 139 near the Pembroke Town line. The project has been approved, built, and completed.

937 Webster Street: Has been approved to be redeveloped as a mixed-use building with retail on the first floor and two apartments and two offices on the second floor.

Red Gold Farm: Red Gold Farm, a 22 lot Open Space Residential development of single-family homes (off Moraine Street) was approved by the Planning Board. One hundred and eleven acres of the property including trails, cranberry bogs, wetlands and river front will become Town owned open space. 14 of the homes have been completed and occupied.



Horseshoe Farm: Horseshoe Farm is a 24-lot subdivision off of Spring Street in the North Marshfield area of town. All of the homes have been completed.

Chestnut Hill: Chestnut Hill is a 25-lot subdivision that extends Holly Road to Ferry Street. All of the homes have been completed.

Beaver Crossing: Beaver Crossing is a 5-lot residential subdivision off Union Street. This project has been completed.

Enterprise Drive: A billboard sign was installed at the end of Enterprise Drive. Eversource will be updating the tank facility and building a few new buildings on site. The ground mounted solar array project was granted approval by the ZBA for the Corner of Enterprise Drive and Commerce Way.

Green Harbor: Safe Harbors floodproofed commercial boat repair building has been completed. Harbormaster has installed a large-scale ice making machine for sale to the Commercial Fishery.

A total of 291 residential units were permitted in Marshfield in 2024, which is comparable with the 297 in 2023.

Capital Assessment Project

The Town's Facilities Manager completed the first total building assessment that will define the Town's future needs for maintenance and building improvements. This tool will help the Town's budgeting process, and we have initiated a dialogue to create a permanent building committee. The overall goal of the Town-wide buildings assessment is to create a responsible maintenance plan for all Town buildings. In 2018, the Select Board appointed a Capital Project Building Committee to assist the Select Board in the construction, renovation or remodeling of any Town building or facility. The committee's membership consisted of a contractor, architect, engineer, project manager, local business owner, and a building commissioner. The committee reviewed and evaluated the condition of the DPW facility, Police Station, Senior Center, and seawalls and further determined the need to repair, rebuild or replace the existing facilities. At the April 2019 Annual Town Meeting, the Town Meeting approved \$650,000

to design a new DPW Facility and \$650,000 to design a new Police Station. At the November 2019 Special Fall Town Meeting, the details of these projects were presented to Town Meeting including the need, condition of the buildings, costs and plans. The Town Meeting overwhelmingly supported moving forward with a \$49.8 million dollar debt exclusion to build the new Town assets including an 11,400 square foot addition to the Senior Center and \$3.5 million for additional seawall matches for seawall projects.

As of 2024, the Town of Marshfield has completed their major capital investment projects on time and at or under budget. The major Capital Projects included the two new seawalls in Brant Rock, and addition of 11,000 square feet to the Senior Center, a new state-of-the-art Police Station with 21st century technology, and a new Department of Public Works facility which includes staff offices, protection for the Town's vehicles, and meeting spaces.

Reserves

Management has adopted reserve policies to address key areas of concern including the following: Operational Budget Reserve Fund, Stabilization Fund, Property and Liability Insurance Reserve, Worker's Compensation for Police/Fire Reserve, Postemployment Liability Trust Fund, and Town Compensated Absence Reserve. The Town is rebuilding its Stabilization Fund after having used the fund to support the General Fund budget in the years 2003 through 2008. The Town of Marshfield has increased the balance in our fund to approximately \$6 million. Our goal is 5% of our Annual Budget. The Property & Liability Reserve will allow the Town to increase deductibles for general liability losses to decrease premium costs in future years. The Town Compensated Absence Reserve insulates the Town from the budgetary impact of unexpected retirements or separations from service of senior employees with those benefits.

The Town of Marshfield has also received new revenue sources beginning in 2021 through Plymouth County CARES Act funds, Plymouth County ARPA State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) and Federal ARPA SLFRF funds. To date the Town has received its full allotment of \$4.8 million in CARES Act funds, \$1.7 million in reallocated County ARPA SLFRF funds, and \$2.7 million in Federal ARPA SLFRF funds.

Internal Controls

Management of the Town is responsible for establishing and maintaining an internal control structure designed to ensure the assets of the Town are protected from loss, theft or misuse and to ensure that adequate accounting data is compiled to allow for the preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. The Town Administrator and the Fiscal Team are responsible for evaluating the adequacy and effectiveness of the internal control structure and implementing improvements. The Town completed a Fraud Risk Assessment that has become a guiding tool for all departments. Because the cost of internal controls should not outweigh their benefits, the Town of Marshfield's comprehensive framework of internal controls has been designed to provide reasonable rather than absolute assurance that the financial statements will be free of material misstatement.

In 2023, the Town of Marshfield elected to engage with the Commonwealth's cyber security platform. To date 90% of our employees have completed the initial Cyber Strength Assessment with major improvements made to the Town's Firewall protection. The Town continued to work with the Commonwealth's cyber security platform in 2024, which has aided in creating a culture of vigilance and awareness. The Town also completed fiber runs, connecting all Town owned buildings with reliable

high-speed connections. To pair with this, machines from end user to servers have been upgraded to eliminate vulnerabilities and maintain the latest security patches.

Budgetary Controls

The Town Administrator presents a budget to the Select Board that is later reviewed and presented, with amendments, to the Advisory Board. The nine-member Advisory Board holds public hearings to review all departmental budgets and makes recommendations on the budget to Town Meeting in April of each year.

The level of budgetary control is established by the Town Meeting and this approval defines the level at which expenditures may not exceed appropriations. This level is typically at the individual department salary and expense level. The Town Accountant is responsible for ensuring all payroll and invoices are within the budgetary control level before authorizing payment. Additional appropriations may be approved at subsequent Town Meetings. The Advisory Board may approve during the year a transfer from a reserve fund established at Town Meeting. These controls ensure compliance with the budget approved by Town Meeting.

The Treasurer/Collector is responsible for cash and debt management and the investment of Town funds. The school budget is limited to the total amount appropriated by Town Meeting, but the School Committee retains full power to allocate the funds appropriated.

Financial Management

In 2015, the Town adopted a policy to codify the allocation of indirect costs between the three Enterprise funds and the General Fund. A written agreement developed by the Fiscal Team has been approved by the Select Board and the Board of Public Works to codify the allocation of revenues and fixed costs between the DPW and Town departments.

In 2024, the Select Board continued their annual review and update to all fiscal policies to improve the Town's fiscal health, control of revenues and expenditures, increased transparency and accountability. The Consolidated Fiscal Policy and Committee of Sponsoring Organizations (COSO) Internal Control Framework are reviewed and accepted by the Select Board each year.

The Town continues to work toward a cashless Beach operation through the acceptance of credit and debit cards and the Town has also adopted a new policy with the schools to manage the student accounts. The Treasurer/Collector continues to handle all student accounts for all seven schools.

In 2022, the Town began its first major financial software upgrade in 20 years. The employees and department heads are looking forward to the new software. This investment will yield benefits for our residents and taxpayers and provide sound financial management to our assets. In FY24, the town is about 55% of the way through the MUNIS conversion with a greater focus on additional training in the spring of 2025.

Awards and Acknowledgements

The Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) awarded a Certificate of achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to the Town of Marshfield for its Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) for the years ended June 30, 2008 through June 30, 2023. In order to be awarded the

Certificate of Achievement, the Town published an easily readable and efficiently organized ACFR. These reports satisfied both GAAP and applicable legal requirements.

A Certificate of Achievement is valid for a period of one year only. We believe that our current ACFR continues to meet the Certificate of Achievement Program's requirements, and we are submitting it to the GFOA to determine its eligibility for another certificate.

We would like to express our appreciation to all the members of the departments who assisted and contributed to the preparation of this report. Credit must also be given to the Select Board and the Advisory Board for their unfailing support for maintaining the highest standards of professionalism in the management of the Town, including its finances.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael A. Maresco

Michael A. Maresco
Town Administrator

Meg LaMay

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Town Accountant

Shaun Strobel

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Treasurer Collector

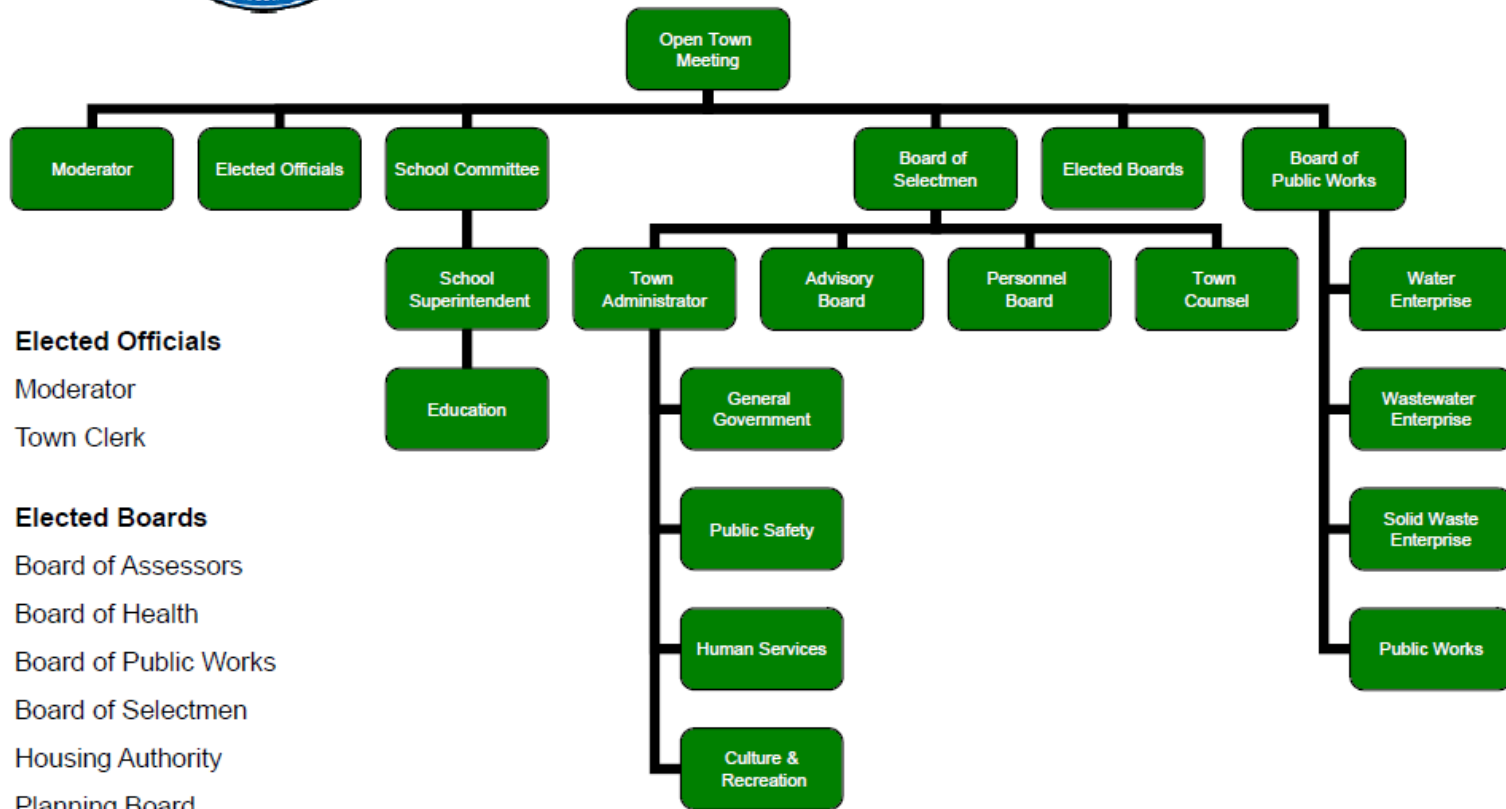
Town of Marshfield, Massachusetts

Organizational Chart

Year Ended June 30, 2024



Town of Marshfield



Elected Officials

Moderator
Town Clerk

Elected Boards

Board of Assessors
Board of Health
Board of Public Works
Board of Selectmen
Housing Authority
Planning Board
Trustees of Soldiers Memorials



Government Finance Officers Association

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**Town of Marshfield
Massachusetts**

For its Annual Comprehensive
Financial Report
For the Fiscal Year Ended

June 30, 2023

Christopher P. Morill

Executive Director/CEO

Town of Marshfield, Massachusetts

Principal Town Officials

As of June 30, 2024

<u>Elected Officials</u>		<u>Term Expires</u>
Select Board	Lynne Fidler, Chairperson	2025
	Stephen R. Darcy, Vice Chairperson	2026
	Eric Kelley, Clerk	2025
Moderator	Donald Gibson	2027
Town Clerk	Narice Ann Casper, II	2027
School Committee	Sean Costello, Chairperson	2027
	Lara Brait, Vice Chairperson	2026
	Richard Greer, Clerk	2025
	Kendra Stetson Campbell	2027
	Lauren Dargan	2025

Appointed Officials

Town Administrator	Michael A. Maresco
Superintendent of Public Schools	Patrick Sullivan
Treasurer/Collector	Shaun Strobel
Town Accountant	Meg LaMay, CPA
Assessor/Appraiser	Anne Marie Sinnott
Fire Chief	Michael LaSelva
Police Chief	Phillip A. Tavares
DPW Superintendent	Shawn Patterson

Financial Section



Pictured above is Marshfield Town Hall

Financial Section

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Independent Auditors' Report

To the Honorable Select Board
Town of Marshfield, Massachusetts

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Marshfield, Massachusetts (the "Town"), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024 and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town, as of June 30, 2024 and the respective changes in financial position, and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAS") and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States ("*Government Auditing Standards*"). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Town and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Town's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Town's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and required supplementary information, as listed in the table of contents, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with GAAS, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements. The accompanying combining statements, as listed in the table of contents, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other

records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS. In our opinion, the combining statements are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Information

Management is responsible for the other information included in the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report. The other information comprises the introductory and statistical sections but does not include the basic financial statements and our auditors' report thereon. Our opinions on the basic financial statements do not cover the other information, and we do not express an opinion or any form of assurance thereon.

In connection with our audit of the basic financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and consider whether a material inconsistency exists between the other information and the basic financial statements, or the other information otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work performed, we conclude that an uncorrected material misstatement of the other information exists, we are required to describe it in our report.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March 27, 2025, on our consideration of the Town's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Town's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

CBIZ CPAs P.C.

Boston, MA
March 27, 2025

Management's Discussion and Analysis

Town of Marshfield, Massachusetts

Management's Discussion and Analysis

Year Ended June 30, 2024

As management of the Town of Marshfield, Massachusetts (Town), we offer readers of these financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the Town for the year ended June 30, 2024. We encourage readers to consider the information presented in this report in conjunction with additional information that we have furnished in our letter of transmittal.

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the authoritative standard setting body that provides guidance on how to prepare financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). Users of these financial statements (such as investors and rating agencies) rely on the GASB to establish consistent reporting standards for all governments in the United States. This consistent application is the only way users (including citizens, the media, legislators and others) can assess the financial condition of one government compared to others.

Governments must adhere to GASB pronouncements in order to issue their financial statements in conformity with GAAP. The users of financial statements also rely on the independent auditor's opinion. If the Town's financial statements have significant departures from GAAP the independent auditors may issue a modified opinion or a disclaimer (where no opinion is given). These types of opinions may have an adverse effect on the Town's bond rating and our ability to borrow money at favorable interest rates. The Town has enjoyed an unmodified opinion on its financial statements for many years.

Financial Highlights

- The government-wide assets and deferred outflows of resources of the Town exceeded its liabilities and deferred inflows of resources at the close of the most recent year by \$44.2 million and \$59.2 million (net position) for governmental activities and business-type activities, respectively.
- At the close of the current year, the Town's general fund reported an ending fund balance of \$14.5 million, an increase of \$431,000 from the prior year. Total fund balance represents 12.2% of total general fund expenditures. Approximately \$13.9 million of this total amount is available for appropriation at the Town's discretion.
- On July 23, 2023, the Town issued \$6.3 million of general obligation bonds, of which \$1.8 million was recognized as bond proceeds in fiscal year 2024, and \$4.5 million of which was recognized as bond proceeds in fiscal year 2023, as the issuance related to outstanding BANs.

Overview of the Financial Statements

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the Town's basic financial statements. The Town's basic financial statements comprise three components: 1) government-wide financial statements 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the financial statements. This report also contains other supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements.

Government-wide financial statements. The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the Town's finances, in a manner similar to private-sector businesses.

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The statement of net position presents information on all of the Town's assets and deferred outflows of resources, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources, with the difference between the two reported as net position. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the Town is improving or deteriorating.

The statement of activities presents information showing how the Town's net position changed during the most recent year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing or the related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future periods (e.g., uncollected taxes and earned but unused vacation leave).

Both of the government-wide financial statements distinguish functions that are principally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues (*governmental activities*) from other functions that are intended to recover all or a significant portion of their costs through user fees and charges (*business-type activities*). The governmental activities include general government, public safety, education, public works, health and human services, culture and recreation, community preservation, and interest. The business-type activities include the activities of the water, sewer, and solid waste enterprise funds.

Fund financial statements. A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The Town, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All of the funds of the Town can be divided into three categories: governmental funds, proprietary funds, and fiduciary funds.

Governmental funds. Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund statements focus on near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources, as well as on balances of spendable resources available at the end of the year. Such information may be useful in evaluating a government's near-term financing requirements.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the government's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between governmental funds and governmental activities.

The Town is reporting two major governmental funds that are presented separately in the governmental fund financial statements. The remaining nonmajor funds are combined into a single, aggregated presentation. Individual fund data for each of these nonmajor governmental funds is provided in the form of combining statements elsewhere in this report.

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The Town adopts an annual appropriated budget for its general fund. A budgetary comparison schedule has been provided for the general fund to demonstrate compliance with this budget.

Proprietary funds. The Town maintains one type of proprietary fund.

Enterprise funds are used to report the same functions as business-type activities in the government-wide financial statements. The Town uses enterprise funds to account for its sewer, water, and solid waste activities.

Proprietary funds provide the same type of information as the government-wide financial statements, only in more detail. The proprietary fund financial statements provide separate information for water, sewer, and solid waste activities, all of which are considered major funds of the Town.

Fiduciary funds. Fiduciary funds are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside the government. Fiduciary funds are not reflected in the government-wide financial statements because the resources of those funds are not available to support the Town's own programs. The accounting used for fiduciary funds is much like that used for proprietary funds.

Notes to financial statements. The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements.

Government-wide Financial Analysis

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. Assets and deferred outflows of resources exceeded liabilities and deferred inflows of resources by \$103.4 million at the close of 2024.

Government-wide net position of \$205.8 million reflects its net investment in capital assets (e.g., land, improvements, buildings, machinery, equipment, vehicles, books, software and infrastructure) less any related debt used to acquire those assets that is still outstanding. The Town uses these capital assets to provide services to citizens; consequently, these assets are *not* available for future spending. Although the investment in capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources, since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.

An additional portion of net position, \$17.7 million, represents resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they may be used. The remaining balance of unrestricted net position resulted in a \$120.1 million deficit relating to the cumulative effect of recording \$101.8 million of net other postemployment benefit liability and \$64.7 million of net pension liability through June 30, 2024.

Details related to the Town's governmental and business-type activities follow.

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Governmental activities.

The governmental activities net position increased by \$337,000 during fiscal year 2024 as compared to a decrease in net position of \$2.4 million during the prior year. The current year increase relates to positive results of the governmental funds, reduced by an increase in the net OPEB liability and related deferrals of \$2.1 million and an increase in the net pension liability and related deferrals of \$1.2 million. Further, the Town reallocated unspent capital funding back to the governmental funds, from the enterprise funds during fiscal year 2024, the original source of the funding was from governmental activities.

	2024	2023
Assets:		
Current assets.....	\$ 64,381,688	\$ 64,946,478
Capital assets, nondepreciable.....	37,642,977	80,418,364
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation....	208,509,653	168,638,225
Total assets.....	310,534,318	314,003,067
Deferred outflows of resources.....	22,905,197	14,925,883
Liabilities:		
Current liabilities (excluding debt).....	13,001,963	15,365,464
Noncurrent liabilities (excluding debt).....	157,504,690	157,659,367
Current debt.....	6,771,017	6,590,389
Noncurrent debt.....	89,707,015	94,448,193
Total liabilities.....	266,984,685	274,063,413
Deferred inflows of resources.....	22,216,002	10,963,904
Net position:		
Net investment in capital assets.....	151,931,047	151,617,323
Restricted.....	17,702,410	16,590,241
Unrestricted.....	(125,394,629)	(124,305,931)
Total net position.....	\$ 44,238,828	\$ 43,901,633

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	2024	2023
Program Revenues:		
Charges for services.....	\$ 9,225,856	\$ 8,720,767
Operating grants and contributions.....	39,802,326	35,312,784
Capital grants and contributions.....	1,913,182	2,575,901
General Revenues:		
Real estate and personal property taxes, net of tax refunds payable.....	78,953,539	77,420,580
Tax and other liens.....	485,332	1,465,733
Motor vehicle and other excise taxes.....	6,058,912	5,532,765
Community preservation tax.....	2,015,695	2,081,487
Penalties and interest on taxes.....	52,314	67,670
Payments in lieu of taxes.....	45,386	50,934
Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs.....	2,785,992	3,382,353
Unrestricted investment income.....	2,199,833	1,332,493
Total revenues.....	143,538,367	137,943,467
Expenses:		
General government.....	11,344,632	9,304,794
Public safety.....	24,479,735	24,285,326
Education.....	95,003,382	91,836,523
Public works.....	7,786,488	7,433,755
Health and human services.....	2,218,968	2,119,346
Culture and recreation.....	2,424,064	2,704,806
Community preservation.....	90,151	403,352
Interest.....	2,407,391	2,279,316
Total expenses.....	145,754,811	140,367,218
Excess (Deficiency) before transfers.....	(2,216,444)	(2,423,751)
Transfers.....	2,553,639	-
Change in net position.....	337,195	(2,423,751)
Net position, beginning of year.....	43,901,633	46,325,384
Net position, end of year.....	\$ 44,238,828	\$ 43,901,633

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Financial notes related to governmental activities:

- Charges for services represented 6% of governmental activities resources and increased \$505,000 over the prior year as the Town reported an increase in building permit revenues due to new growth. Further, ambulance charges increased from an increase in calls, and cemetery revenues increased. The Town can exercise more control over this category of revenue than any other. Fees charged for services rendered that are set by the Town are included in this category.
- Operating grants and contributions accounted for 28% of the governmental activities' resources. Most of these resources apply to educational operations and to COVID-19 activities. These resources offset costs within the school and general government departments and supplement their general fund operating budget. The increase of \$4.5 million from the prior year primarily relates to one-time COVID-19 grants used by the Town and Schools.
- Capital grants and contributions accounted for 1% of the governmental activities resources. These resources apply to seawall repairs, State grants for roadways improvements and community preservation State matching revenue. The small decrease from the prior year relates to a decrease in roadway improvement program construction.
- Property taxes are by far the most significant revenue source for the Town's governmental activities. They comprised 55% of current resources. Taxes increased 2% in accordance with State law that allows for the assessments to increase by a maximum of 2.5%, plus new growth. The 2% increase was consistent with the Town's budgeted growth based on the 2.5% rate increase on all classes of property, which was reduced by abatements on prior year taxes.
- All other taxes and other revenues comprised a total of 4% of the governmental activities' resources. These primarily include excise taxes, community preservation taxes and nonrestricted grants and contributions.
- Education is by far the largest governmental activity of the Town with expense of \$95 million. Approximately \$59.7 million in taxes and other revenue were needed to cover the 2024 operating expenses. A pension contribution of approximately \$10.5 million made by the state on-behalf of Marshfield teachers was recorded as an expense and operating grant revenue, an increase of \$1.2 million compared to the prior year.
- General government expenses increased significantly from the prior year due to multiple noncapital expenses which included: the financial consultants and network costs related to the general ledger system conversion, increases in maintenance costs, increases in utility prices and an increase in general insurance.
- Public safety, general government, and public works were the second, third, and fourth largest activities of the Town. Approximately \$16.9 million, \$7.0 million, and \$6.0 million, respectively, of taxes and other revenue were needed to cover their 2024 operating expenses.

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- The \$5.4 million increase in expenditures was a result of one-time fiscal year 2024 expenditures from COVID-19 related grants, and the overall increase in the net pension and net OPEB liabilities.

Business-type activities.

Business-type activities assets and deferred outflows of resources exceeded liabilities and deferred inflows of resources by \$59.2 million at the close of 2024. The net investment in capital assets was \$53.9 million (91%) while unrestricted net position was \$5.3 million (8%). These results continue to reflect management’s goal of maintaining the systems while only charging users for the actual cost of operations.

	2024	2023
Assets:		
Current assets.....	\$ 16,629,836	\$ 17,771,825
Capital assets, nondepreciable.....	7,452,270	14,871,384
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation....	60,241,286	53,329,184
Total assets.....	84,323,392	85,972,393
Deferred outflows of resources.....	2,577,818	1,317,270
Liabilities:		
Current liabilities (excluding debt).....	1,087,576	1,063,266
Noncurrent liabilities (excluding debt).....	10,575,229	10,380,439
Current debt.....	1,126,771	1,279,231
Noncurrent debt.....	14,266,879	15,393,649
Total liabilities.....	27,056,455	28,116,585
Deferred inflows of resources.....	661,067	345,861
Net position:		
Net investment in capital assets.....	53,886,535	52,909,586
Unrestricted.....	5,297,153	5,917,631
Total net position.....	\$ 59,183,688	\$ 58,827,217

Business-type activities increased the Town’s net position by \$356,000 compared to an increase of approximately \$3.0 million during the previous year.

The water and solid waste enterprise funds experienced increases in net position, while the sewer fund experienced a decrease. Overall, charges for services increased \$695,000 or 4.5%, when compared to the prior year, primarily related to rate increases across all funds. Expenses for labor, operations, and depreciation increased by 2% due to a budgeted increase in salaries and a small rise in the cost of operations.

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The water enterprise fund is used to account for water distribution operations. Total operating revenues amounted to \$5.8 million which was consistent with the prior year. Expenses decreased by \$373,000 from the prior year, which is related to the net pension and net OPEB liability and related deferrals. The fund reported transfers out of \$1.4 million as prior capital funding was reallocated for governmental projects. Net position increased by \$411,000.

The sewer enterprise fund is used to account for sewage treatment operations. Total operating revenues amounted to \$4.4 million as compared to \$4.2 million in the prior year. The increase is due to a rate increase at the beginning of the fiscal year. Expenses increased by \$599,000 from the prior year, as there were some repairs that were not capital in nature, and some expenditures which did not meet the Town's capitalization threshold. Net position decreased by \$827,000 as the fund reported transfers out of \$1.4 million as prior capital funding was reallocated for governmental projects.

The solid waste fund is used to account for the Town's solid waste disposal operations. Total operating revenues amounted to \$5.9 million as compared to \$5.7 million in the prior year. The increase is due to a rate increase at the beginning of the fiscal year. Expenses were consistent with an increase of \$284,000. Net position increased by \$772,000 compared to an increase of \$642,000 in the prior year.

	2024	2023
Program Revenues:		
Charges for services.....	\$ 16,170,183	\$ 15,331,508
Capital grants and contributions.....	-	696,628
General Revenues:		
Unrestricted investment income.....	212,327	158,961
Total revenues.....	16,382,510	16,187,097
Expenses:		
Water.....	4,157,595	4,641,283
Sewer.....	3,937,101	3,413,506
Solid waste.....	5,377,704	5,093,389
Total expenses.....	13,472,400	13,148,178
Excess (Deficiency) before transfers.....	2,910,110	3,038,919
Transfers.....	(2,553,639)	-
Change in net position.....	356,471	3,038,919
Net position, beginning of year.....	58,827,217	55,788,298
Net position, end of year.....	\$ 59,183,688	\$ 58,827,217

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Financial Analysis of the Government's Major Funds

As noted earlier, the Town uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

Governmental funds. The focus of the Town's governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of spendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the Town's financing requirements. In particular, the unassigned fund balance may serve as a useful measure of a government's net resources available for spending at the end of the year.

As of the end of the current year, governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$47.3 million, an increase of \$3.8 million from the prior year. The decrease mainly relates to the timing of expenditures within the Community Preservation fund, and the collection of the property taxes reserved for future projects, along with some minor timing differences in the nonmajor funds.

General Fund

The general fund is the chief operating fund of the Town. At the end of the current year, the unassigned fund balance of the general fund was \$13.9 million, while the total fund balance was \$14.5 million. As a measure of the general fund's liquidity, it may be useful to compare both the unassigned fund balance and the total fund balance to total fund expenditures. The unassigned fund balance represented 11.7% of total general fund expenditures, while the total fund balance represented 12.2% of that same amount.

The fund balance of the general fund increased \$431,000 during 2024. This change is mainly the result of a budgeted use of free cash (unassigned fund balance) of \$5.7 million for capital and the operating budget, offset by stronger than expected revenue collections of \$5.4 million, and expenditure turn backs of \$470,000.

Real estate and personal property taxes increased by \$3.1 million in accordance with state law that allows for the assessments to increase by 2.5% plus new growth. The Town has experienced growth in the past few fiscal years, as noted by the strong building permit revenue. Further, the general fund reported \$1.7 million of investment income in fiscal year 2024. Expenditures increased \$5.4 million or 4.7%, which was in line with the Town's budget.

The Town maintains a general stabilization fund, which has been classified within the unassigned general fund balance in the governmental funds financial statements. The stabilization fund had a year-end balance of \$6.0 million, which was consistent with the prior year. The fund received a \$2.6 million transfer from the general fund, had investment earnings totaling \$258,000, which was offset by a \$2.9 million transfer to various funds for operating and capital uses. These funds can be used for general or capital purposes upon Town Meeting approval.

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Community Preservation Fund

The community preservation fund had an ending restricted fund balance at June 30, 2024, of \$12.8 million. These funds are attributable to the Town's acceptance of the Community Preservation Act in 2001, which allows the Town to impose a 3% surcharge on property taxes and to receive matching State grant funds for specified uses related to the acquisition, creation, preservation and support of open space, historical resources, land for recreational use and community housing. The Town reported local community preservation tax revenue of \$2.0 million and state matching grant funds of \$463,000. During fiscal year 2024, \$566,000 was expended on various community preservation projects including ballfields, playgrounds, property purchase, and repairs at Gar Hall. The remaining funds are reserved for future town projects which are determined by the Community Preservation Committee.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

The final general fund budget appropriations, including transfers, were \$115.5 million which was approximately \$6.6 million higher than the original budget. The increases occurred most in transfers out of \$5.0 million in addition to increases in departmental budgets, all of which was primarily funded by the use of free cash of \$5.7 million along with additional transfers in of \$1.2 million. After year end, the select board approved year end transfers between budget line items to address increase costs for utilities, automotive fuel, information technology, legal expenses and other items.

Total general fund revenues were higher than budgeted amounts by approximately \$5.4 million primarily due to conservative budgeting in revenue categories such as motor vehicle and other excise taxes, departmental receipts, and investment income.

Actual expenditures, including carryovers, were lower than budgeted amounts by approximately \$470,000, or 0.4%. The Town's expenditures were in line with their budgeted expenditures.

Capital Asset and Debt Administration

In conjunction with the operating budget, the Town annually prepares a capital budget for the upcoming year and a five-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) that is used as a guide for future capital expenditures.

Governmental capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, at year end amounted to \$246.2 million which represented a net decrease of \$2.9 million from the prior year. Major current additions included beach improvements, ambulances, school fire safety improvements, DPW building improvements, vehicles, and infrastructure additions. There were significant reclassifications to completed assets during fiscal year 2024 for the DPW facility, the police station and the senior center addition, all of which went into use in the current year.

Enterprise fund capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, were valued at \$67.7 million at year end. Current year additions totaled \$1.7 million and depreciation expense of \$4.1 million was recorded. Current additions included a new utility service truck, water pipe replacements, sewer line replacements

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and a mini excavator. Major reclassifications to completed assets included the enterprise portion of the DPW facility, and infrastructure.

The Town's total long-term debt decreased by \$5.8 million during the current year due to the net effect of \$2.0 million of proceeds and premiums and \$7.9 million of scheduled principal payments and amortization of bond premiums.

Outstanding governmental long-term debt, as of June 30, 2024, totaled \$96.5 million, of which, 4.2 million related to unamortized bond premiums. During fiscal year 2024 the Town issued \$1.8 million of general obligation bonds. The new bond related to 11 projects, including the seawall upgrades, school gym floor replacement and infrastructure upgrades.

The enterprise funds reported \$15.4 million in sewer and water debt that is entirely supported by the rates. The funds did not issue new debt during fiscal year 2024.

Please refer to footnotes 4 and 6 for further discussion of the major capital asset and debt activity. The Town had no short-term debt activity for fiscal year 2024.

Requests for Information

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Town's finances for all those with an interest in the Town's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to the Select Board, Town Hall, 870 Moraine Street, Marshfield, Massachusetts 02050.

Basic Financial Statements

Town of Marshfield, Massachusetts

Statement of Net Position

June 30, 2024

	<i>Primary Government</i>		
	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
ASSETS			
CURRENT:			
Cash and cash equivalents.....	\$ 48,257,902	\$ 11,573,963	\$ 59,831,865
Investments.....	8,574,969	-	8,574,969
Receivables, net of allowance for uncollectibles:			
Real estate and personal property taxes.....	1,540,560	-	1,540,560
Tax liens.....	1,684,503	-	1,684,503
Motor vehicle and other excise taxes.....	603,129	-	603,129
User charges.....	-	4,914,080	4,914,080
Departmental and other.....	2,695,856	-	2,695,856
Intergovernmental.....	528,358	-	528,358
Community preservation state share.....	417,897	-	417,897
Special assessments.....	78,514	141,793	220,307
Total current assets.....	64,381,688	16,629,836	81,011,524
NONCURRENT:			
Capital assets, nondepreciable.....	37,642,977	7,452,270	45,095,247
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation.....	208,509,653	60,241,286	268,750,939
Total noncurrent assets.....	246,152,630	67,693,556	313,846,186
TOTAL ASSETS.....	310,534,318	84,323,392	394,857,710
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Deferred outflows related to pensions.....	18,576,994	2,451,978	21,028,972
Deferred outflows related to other postemployment benefits....	4,328,203	125,840	4,454,043
TOTAL DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES.....	22,905,197	2,577,818	25,483,015

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Town of Marshfield, Massachusetts
Statement of Net Position (Continued)
June 30, 2024

	<i>Primary Government</i>		
	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT:			
Warrants payable.....	\$ 1,827,529	\$ 664,378	\$ 2,491,907
Accrued payroll.....	5,658,903	105,446	5,764,349
Accrued interest.....	1,084,188	136,352	1,220,540
Other liabilities.....	1,076,156	-	1,076,156
Unearned revenue.....	1,826,187	-	1,826,187
Landfill closure.....	-	31,400	31,400
Compensated absences.....	1,529,000	150,000	1,679,000
Bonds payable.....	6,771,017	1,126,771	7,897,788
Total current liabilities.....	19,772,980	2,214,347	21,987,327
NONCURRENT:			
Landfill closure.....	-	157,000	157,000
Compensated absences.....	1,462,000	-	1,462,000
Net pension liability.....	57,147,569	7,542,909	64,690,478
Net other postemployment benefits liability.....	98,895,121	2,875,320	101,770,441
Bonds payable.....	89,707,015	14,266,879	103,973,894
Total noncurrent liabilities.....	247,211,705	24,842,108	272,053,813
TOTAL LIABILITIES.....	266,984,685	27,056,455	294,041,140
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Deferred inflows related to pensions.....	147,202	19,429	166,631
Deferred inflows related to other postemployment benefits.....	22,068,800	641,638	22,710,438
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES.....	22,216,002	661,067	22,877,069
NET POSITION			
Net investment in capital assets.....	151,931,047	53,886,535	205,817,582
Restricted for:			
Permanent funds:			
Expendable.....	1,623,538	-	1,623,538
Nonexpendable.....	1,245,221	-	1,245,221
Gifts and grants.....	1,625,875	-	1,625,875
Community preservation.....	13,207,776	-	13,207,776
Unrestricted.....	(125,394,629)	5,297,153	(120,097,476)
TOTAL NET POSITION.....	\$ 44,238,828	\$ 59,183,688	\$ 103,422,516

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Town of Marshfield, Massachusetts

Statement of Activities

Year Ended June 30, 2024

<u>Functions/Programs</u>	<u>Program Revenues</u>				<u>Net (Expense) Revenue</u>
	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Charges for Services</u>	<u>Operating Grants and Contributions</u>	<u>Capital Grants and Contributions</u>	
Primary Government:					
<i>Governmental Activities:</i>					
General government.....	\$ 11,344,632	\$ 1,382,314	\$ 2,945,228	\$ 37,330	\$ (6,979,760)
Public safety.....	24,479,735	4,507,865	2,458,664	597,825	(16,915,381)
Education.....	95,003,382	1,877,008	33,427,142	-	(59,699,232)
Public works.....	7,786,488	384,522	161,788	1,194,207	(6,045,971)
Health and human services.....	2,218,968	182,035	286,251	-	(1,750,682)
Culture and recreation.....	2,424,064	892,112	523,253	-	(1,008,699)
Community preservation.....	90,151	-	-	83,820	(6,331)
Interest.....	2,407,391	-	-	-	(2,407,391)
Total Governmental Activities.....	145,754,811	9,225,856	39,802,326	1,913,182	(94,813,447)
<i>Business-Type Activities:</i>					
Sewer.....	3,937,101	4,442,327	-	-	505,226
Water.....	4,157,595	5,812,665	-	-	1,655,070
Solid waste.....	5,377,704	5,915,191	-	-	537,487
Total Business-Type Activities.....	13,472,400	16,170,183	-	-	2,697,783
Total Primary Government.....	\$ 159,227,211	\$ 25,396,039	\$ 39,802,326	\$ 1,913,182	\$ (92,115,664)

See notes to basic financial statements.

Town of Marshfield, Massachusetts

Statement of Activities (Continued)

Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Primary Government		
	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
Changes in net position:			
Net (expense) revenue from previous page..... \$	(94,813,447)	\$ 2,697,783	\$ (92,115,664)
<i>General revenues:</i>			
Real estate and personal property taxes, net of tax refunds payable.....	78,953,539	-	78,953,539
Tax and other liens.....	485,332	-	485,332
Motor vehicle and other excise taxes.....	6,058,912	-	6,058,912
Community preservation tax.....	2,015,695	-	2,015,695
Penalties and interest on taxes.....	52,314	-	52,314
Payments in lieu of taxes.....	45,386	-	45,386
Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs.....	2,785,992	-	2,785,992
Unrestricted investment income.....	2,199,833	212,327	2,412,160
<i>Transfers, net</i>	2,553,639	(2,553,639)	-
Total general revenues and transfers.....	95,150,642	(2,341,312)	92,809,330
Change in net position.....	337,195	356,471	693,666
<i>Net position:</i>			
Beginning of year.....	43,901,633	58,827,217	102,728,850
End of year..... \$	44,238,828	\$ 59,183,688	\$ 103,422,516

See notes to basic financial statements.

Town of Marshfield, Massachusetts

**Governmental Funds
Balance Sheet**

June 30, 2024

	General	Community Preservation	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents.....	\$ 14,357,065	\$ 12,794,818	\$ 21,106,019	\$ 48,257,902
Investments.....	6,110,862	-	2,464,107	8,574,969
Receivables, net of uncollectibles:				
Real estate and personal property taxes.....	1,517,526	23,034	-	1,540,560
Tax liens.....	1,684,503	-	-	1,684,503
Motor vehicle and other excise taxes.....	603,129	-	-	603,129
Departmental and other.....	2,695,856	-	-	2,695,856
Intergovernmental.....	-	-	528,358	528,358
Community preservation state share.....	-	417,897	-	417,897
Special assessments.....	78,514	-	-	78,514
Due from other funds.....	312,086	-	-	312,086
TOTAL ASSETS.....	\$ 27,359,541	\$ 13,235,749	\$ 24,098,484	\$ 64,693,774
LIABILITIES				
Warrants payable.....	\$ 1,014,095	\$ 26,780	\$ 786,654	\$ 1,827,529
Accrued payroll.....	5,538,237	1,193	119,473	5,658,903
Due to other funds.....	-	-	312,086	312,086
Other liabilities.....	29,512	-	1,046,644	1,076,156
Unearned revenue.....	-	-	1,826,187	1,826,187
TOTAL LIABILITIES.....	6,581,844	27,973	4,091,044	10,700,861
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Unavailable revenue.....	6,228,585	440,932	-	6,669,517
FUND BALANCES				
Nonspendable.....	-	-	1,245,221	1,245,221
Restricted.....	527,753	12,766,844	18,762,219	32,056,816
Assigned.....	133,934	-	-	133,934
Unassigned.....	13,887,425	-	-	13,887,425
TOTAL FUND BALANCES.....	14,549,112	12,766,844	20,007,440	47,323,396
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND FUND BALANCES.....	\$ 27,359,541	\$ 13,235,749	\$ 24,098,484	\$ 64,693,774

See notes to basic financial statements.

Town of Marshfield, Massachusetts

**Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet
Total Fund Balances to the Statement of Net Position**

June 30, 2024

Total governmental fund balances.....	\$ 47,323,396
Capital assets (net) used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.....	246,152,630
Accounts receivable are not available to pay for current-period expenditures and, therefore, are unavailable in the funds.....	6,669,517
The statement of net position includes certain deferred inflows of resources and deferred outflows of resources that will be amortized over future periods. In governmental funds, these amounts are not reported.....	689,195
In the statement of activities, interest is accrued on outstanding long-term debt, whereas in governmental funds interest is not reported until due.....	(1,084,188)
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds:	
Long-term debt payable.....	(96,478,032)
Net pension liability.....	(57,147,569)
Net other postemployment benefits liability.....	(98,895,121)
Compensated absences.....	<u>(2,991,000)</u>
Net effect of reporting long-term liabilities.....	<u>(255,511,722)</u>
Net position of governmental activities.....	\$ <u>44,238,828</u>

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Town of Marshfield, Massachusetts

**Governmental Funds
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances**

Year Ended June 30, 2024

	General	Community Preservation	Town State & Federal Grants	Town Capital Project	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:						
Real estate and personal property taxes, net of tax refunds.....	\$ 80,143,997	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 80,143,997
Tax liens.....	487,123	-	-	-	-	487,123
Motor vehicle and other excise taxes.....	6,201,679	-	-	-	-	6,201,679
Charges for services.....	2,015,705	-	-	-	52,267	2,067,972
Penalties and interest on taxes.....	52,314	-	-	-	-	52,314
Payments in lieu of taxes.....	45,386	-	-	-	-	45,386
Intergovernmental - state aid.....	18,412,227	-	-	-	-	18,412,227
Intergovernmental - Teachers Retirement.....	10,453,292	-	-	-	-	10,453,292
Intergovernmental.....	-	-	-	-	12,302,626	12,302,626
Departmental and other.....	3,019,118	-	-	-	6,752,315	9,771,433
Community preservation taxes.....	-	2,009,873	-	-	-	2,009,873
Community preservation state match.....	-	463,127	-	-	-	463,127
Contributions and donations.....	-	-	-	-	1,115,068	1,115,068
Investment income.....	1,684,478	299,886	-	-	215,469	2,199,833
TOTAL REVENUES.....	122,515,319	2,772,886	-	-	20,437,745	145,725,950
EXPENDITURES:						
Current:						
General government.....	5,030,398	-	-	-	5,944,101	10,974,499
Public safety.....	14,380,863	-	-	-	5,166,140	19,547,003
Education.....	56,010,040	-	-	-	11,587,782	67,597,822
Public works.....	2,858,551	-	-	-	3,022,052	5,880,603
Health and human services.....	1,290,574	-	-	-	411,073	1,701,647
Culture and recreation.....	937,694	-	-	-	926,355	1,864,049
Community preservation.....	-	566,163	-	-	-	566,163
Pension benefits.....	7,873,432	-	-	-	-	7,873,432
Pension benefits - Teachers Retirement.....	10,453,292	-	-	-	-	10,453,292
Property and liability insurance.....	1,396,827	-	-	-	-	1,396,827
Employee benefits.....	8,258,328	-	-	-	-	8,258,328
State and county charges.....	1,315,689	-	-	-	-	1,315,689
Debt service:						
Principal.....	5,882,344	-	-	-	-	5,882,344
Interest.....	3,193,033	-	-	-	-	3,193,033
TOTAL EXPENDITURES.....	118,881,065	566,163	-	-	27,057,503	146,504,731
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES.....	3,634,254	2,206,723	-	-	(6,619,758)	(778,781)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):						
Issuance of long-term debt.....	-	-	-	-	1,805,000	1,805,000
Premium from issuance of long-term debt.....	-	-	-	-	223,000	223,000
Transfers in.....	843,614	-	-	-	7,387,135	8,230,749
Transfers out.....	(4,046,545)	(250,000)	-	-	(1,380,565)	(5,677,110)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES).....	(3,202,931)	(250,000)	-	-	8,034,570	4,581,639
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES.....	431,323	1,956,723	-	-	1,414,812	3,802,858
FUND BALANCES, 6/30/2023, AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED.....	14,117,789	10,810,121	714,069	5,076,319	12,802,240	43,520,538
ADJUSTMENT - CHANGE FROM MAJOR TO NONMAJOR FUND.....	-	-	(714,069)	(5,076,319)	5,790,388	-
FUND BALANCES, 6/30/2023, AS ADJUSTED.....	14,117,789	10,810,121	-	-	18,592,628	43,520,538
FUND BALANCES AT END OF YEAR.....	\$ 14,549,112	\$ 12,766,844	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,007,440	\$ 47,323,396

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Town of Marshfield, Massachusetts

**Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in
Fund Balances of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities**

Year Ended June 30, 2024

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds.....		\$ 3,802,858
<p>Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense.</p>		
Capital outlay.....	8,225,789	
Depreciation expense.....	<u>(11,129,748)</u>	
Net effect of reporting capital assets.....		(2,903,959)
<p>Revenues in the Statement of Activities that do not provide current financial resources are unavailable in the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances. Therefore, the recognition of revenue for various types of accounts receivable differ between the two statements. This amount represents the net change in unavailable revenue.....</p>		
		(2,187,583)
<p>The issuance of long-term debt provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt consumes the financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction has any effect on net position. Also, governmental funds report the effect of premiums, discounts, and similar items when debt is first issued, whereas these amounts are unavailable and amortized in the Statement of Activities:</p>		
Issuance of long-term debt.....	(1,805,000)	
Premium from issuance of long-term debt.....	(223,000)	
Net amortization of premium from issuance of long-term debt.....	706,206	
Debt service principal payments.....	<u>5,882,344</u>	
Net effect of reporting long-term debt.....		4,560,550
<p>Some expenses reported in the Statement of Activities do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in the governmental funds.</p>		
Net change in compensated absences accrual.....	227,000	
Net change in accrued interest on long-term debt.....	79,436	
Net change in deferred outflow/(inflow) of resources related to pensions.....	11,241,320	
Net change in net pension liability.....	(12,402,677)	
Net change in deferred outflow/(inflow) of resources related to other postemployment benefits.....	(14,514,104)	
Net change in net other postemployment benefits liability.....	<u>12,434,354</u>	
Net effect of recording long-term liabilities.....		<u>(2,934,671)</u>
Change in net position of governmental activities.....		\$ <u>337,195</u>

See notes to basic financial statements.

Town of Marshfield, Massachusetts

**Proprietary Funds
Statement of Net Position**

June 30, 2024

	Business-type Activities - Enterprise Funds			
	Water	Sewer	Solid Waste	Total
ASSETS				
CURRENT:				
Cash and cash equivalents.....	\$ 4,453,927	\$ 4,227,309	\$ 2,892,727	\$ 11,573,963
Receivables, net of allowance for uncollectibles:				
User charges.....	1,712,639	1,639,706	1,561,735	4,914,080
Special assessments.....	653	141,140	-	141,793
Total current assets.....	<u>6,167,219</u>	<u>6,008,155</u>	<u>4,454,462</u>	<u>16,629,836</u>
NONCURRENT:				
Capital assets, non depreciable.....	7,231,026	129,435	91,809	7,452,270
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation.....	<u>30,907,901</u>	<u>27,886,077</u>	<u>1,447,308</u>	<u>60,241,286</u>
Total noncurrent assets.....	<u>38,138,927</u>	<u>28,015,512</u>	<u>1,539,117</u>	<u>67,693,556</u>
TOTAL ASSETS.....	<u>44,306,146</u>	<u>34,023,667</u>	<u>5,993,579</u>	<u>84,323,392</u>
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Deferred outflows related to pensions.....	1,116,638	759,146	576,194	2,451,978
Deferred outflows related to other postemployment benefits....	<u>56,718</u>	<u>38,728</u>	<u>30,394</u>	<u>125,840</u>
TOTAL DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES.....	<u>1,173,356</u>	<u>797,874</u>	<u>606,588</u>	<u>2,577,818</u>
LIABILITIES				
CURRENT:				
Warrants payable.....	182,842	127,662	353,874	664,378
Accrued payroll.....	49,425	30,586	25,435	105,446
Accrued interest.....	51,447	84,905	-	136,352
Landfill closure.....	-	-	31,400	31,400
Compensated absences.....	75,000	34,000	41,000	150,000
Bonds payable.....	<u>600,526</u>	<u>526,245</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,126,771</u>
Total current liabilities.....	<u>959,240</u>	<u>803,398</u>	<u>451,709</u>	<u>2,214,347</u>
NONCURRENT:				
Landfill closure.....	-	-	157,000	157,000
Net pension liability.....	3,435,064	2,335,326	1,772,519	7,542,909
Net other postemployment benefits liability.....	1,295,954	884,902	694,464	2,875,320
Bonds payable.....	<u>6,677,820</u>	<u>7,589,059</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,266,879</u>
Total noncurrent liabilities.....	<u>11,408,838</u>	<u>10,809,287</u>	<u>2,623,983</u>	<u>24,842,108</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES.....	<u>12,368,078</u>	<u>11,612,685</u>	<u>3,075,692</u>	<u>27,056,455</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Deferred inflows related to pensions.....	8,848	6,015	4,566	19,429
Deferred inflows related to other postemployment benefits.....	<u>289,197</u>	<u>197,469</u>	<u>154,972</u>	<u>641,638</u>
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES.....	<u>298,045</u>	<u>203,484</u>	<u>159,538</u>	<u>661,067</u>
NET POSITION				
Net investment in capital assets.....	30,860,581	21,486,837	1,539,117	53,886,535
Unrestricted.....	<u>1,952,798</u>	<u>1,518,535</u>	<u>1,825,820</u>	<u>5,297,153</u>
TOTAL NET POSITION.....	<u>\$ 32,813,379</u>	<u>\$ 23,005,372</u>	<u>\$ 3,364,937</u>	<u>\$ 59,183,688</u>

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Town of Marshfield, Massachusetts

**Proprietary Funds
Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position**

Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Business-type Activities - Enterprise Funds			
	Water	Sewer	Solid Waste	Total
<u>OPERATING REVENUES:</u>				
Charges for services.....	\$ 5,812,665	\$ 4,442,327	\$ 5,915,191	\$ 16,170,183
<u>OPERATING EXPENSES:</u>				
Salaries, wages, and fringe benefits.....	2,012,611	1,328,207	936,430	4,277,248
Maintenance and operations.....	1,189,677	1,151,819	4,260,713	6,602,209
Depreciation.....	800,894	1,216,521	180,561	2,197,976
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES.....	4,003,182	3,696,547	5,377,704	13,077,433
OPERATING INCOME (LOSS).....	1,809,483	745,780	537,487	3,092,750
<u>NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES):</u>				
Investment income.....	70,785	71,881	69,661	212,327
Interest expense.....	(154,413)	(240,554)	-	(394,967)
TOTAL NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES), NET.....	(83,628)	(168,673)	69,661	(182,640)
INCOME (LOSS) BEFORE TRANSFERS.....	1,725,855	577,107	607,148	2,910,110
<u>TRANSFERS:</u>				
Transfers in.....	105,000	-	165,058	270,058
Transfers out.....	(1,419,466)	(1,404,231)	-	(2,823,697)
TOTAL TRANSFERS.....	(1,314,466)	(1,404,231)	165,058	(2,553,639)
CHANGE IN NET POSITION.....	411,389	(827,124)	772,206	356,471
NET POSITION AT BEGINNING OF YEAR.....	32,401,990	23,832,496	2,592,731	58,827,217
NET POSITION AT END OF YEAR.....	\$ 32,813,379	\$ 23,005,372	\$ 3,364,937	\$ 59,183,688

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Town of Marshfield, Massachusetts

Proprietary Funds Statement of Cash Flows

Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Business-type Activities - Enterprise Funds			
	Water	Sewer	Solid Waste	Total
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:				
Receipts from customers and users.....	\$ 5,478,170	\$ 4,347,981	\$ 5,716,627	\$ 15,542,778
Payments to vendors.....	(1,578,765)	(1,631,246)	(4,465,644)	(7,675,655)
Payments to employees.....	(1,823,103)	(1,211,512)	(848,371)	(3,882,986)
NET CASH FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES.....	2,076,302	1,505,223	402,612	3,984,137
CASH FLOWS FROM/(USED FOR) NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES:				
Transfers in.....	105,000	-	165,058	270,058
Transfers out.....	(1,419,466)	(1,404,231)	-	(2,823,697)
NET CASH FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES.....	(1,314,466)	(1,404,231)	165,058	(2,553,639)
CASH FLOWS FROM/(USED FOR) CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES:				
Capital contributions.....	420	(4,300)	-	(3,880)
Acquisition and construction of capital assets.....	(746,683)	(928,676)	(62,590)	(1,737,949)
Principal payments on bonds and notes.....	(790,337)	(458,340)	-	(1,248,677)
Interest expense.....	(175,723)	(249,870)	-	(425,593)
NET CASH FROM/(USED FOR) CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES.....	(1,712,323)	(1,641,186)	(62,590)	(3,416,099)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:				
Investment income.....	70,785	71,881	69,661	212,327
NET CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS.....	(879,702)	(1,468,313)	574,741	(1,773,274)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR.....	5,333,629	5,695,622	2,317,986	13,347,237
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF YEAR.....	\$ 4,453,927	\$ 4,227,309	\$ 2,892,727	\$ 11,573,963
RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING INCOME (LOSS) TO NET CASH				
FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:				
Operating income (loss).....	\$ 1,809,483	\$ 745,780	\$ 537,487	\$ 3,092,750
Adjustments to reconcile operating income to net cash from operating activities:				
Depreciation.....	800,894	1,216,521	180,561	2,197,976
Deferred (outflows)/inflows related to pensions.....	(617,047)	(422,665)	(319,647)	(1,359,359)
Deferred (outflows)/inflows related to other postemployment benefits.....	187,429	123,707	102,881	414,017
Changes in assets and liabilities:				
User charges.....	(334,495)	(94,346)	(198,564)	(627,405)
Warrants payable.....	106,027	(11,134)	(3,770)	91,123
Accrued payroll.....	79	(12)	(822)	(755)
Landfill closure.....	-	-	(31,400)	(31,400)
Compensated absences.....	2,000	(7,000)	(14,000)	(19,000)
Net pension liability.....	380,419	278,326	204,057	862,802
Net other postemployment benefits liability.....	(258,487)	(323,954)	(54,171)	(636,612)
Total adjustments.....	266,819	759,443	(134,875)	891,387
NET CASH FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES.....	\$ 2,076,302	\$ 1,505,223	\$ 402,612	\$ 3,984,137
NONCASH INVESTING, CAPITAL, AND FINANCING ACTIVITIES:				
Acquisition of capital assets on account.....	-	(46,985)	-	(46,985)

See notes to basic financial statements.

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**Fiduciary Funds
Statement of Fiduciary Net Position**

June 30, 2024

	<u>Other Postemployment Benefit Trust Fund</u>	<u>Private Purpose Trust Fund</u>
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents.....	\$ 20,746	\$ 199,359
Investments:		
Equity mutual funds.....	505,253	-
Fixed income mutual funds.....	<u>360,532</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL ASSETS.....	<u>886,531</u>	<u>199,359</u>
NET POSITION		
Restricted for other postemployment benefits.....	886,531	-
Held in trust for other purposes.....	<u>-</u>	<u>199,359</u>
TOTAL NET POSITION.....	<u>\$ 886,531</u>	<u>\$ 199,359</u>

See notes to basic financial statements.

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**Fiduciary Funds
Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position**

Year Ended June 30, 2024

	<u>Other Postemployment Benefit Trust Fund</u>	<u>Private Purpose Trust Fund</u>
<u>ADDITIONS:</u>		
Contributions:		
Employer contributions for other postemployment benefit payments....	\$ 3,340,719	\$ -
Private donations.....	-	71
Total contributions.....	3,340,719	71
Net investment income:		
Investment income.....	85,356	709
Less: investment expense.....	(1,340)	-
Net investment income.....	84,016	709
TOTAL ADDITIONS.....	3,424,735	780
<u>DEDUCTIONS:</u>		
Other postemployment benefit payments.....	3,340,719	-
Educational scholarships.....	-	2,251
TOTAL DEDUCTIONS.....	3,340,719	2,251
NET INCREASE IN NET POSITION.....	84,016	(1,471)
NET POSITION AT BEGINNING OF YEAR.....	802,515	200,830
NET POSITION AT END OF YEAR.....	\$ 886,531	\$ 199,359

See notes to basic financial statements.

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Notes to Basic Financial Statements

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NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accompanying basic financial statements of the Town of Marshfield, Massachusetts (the Town) have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the recognized standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The significant accounting policies are described herein.

A. Reporting Entity

The Town of Marshfield, Massachusetts, was incorporated in 1640, and has a Town Meeting form of government with administrative authority vested in a three-member Select Board and an appointed Town Administrator. The Town's major operations include police and fire protection, parks, library, recreation, public works, education, and general administrative services. In addition, the Town owns and operates a water system, sewer system and a solid waste transfer station.

For financial reporting purposes, the Town has included all funds, organizations, agencies, boards, commissions and institutions. The Town has also considered all potential component units for which it is financially accountable as well as other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the Town are such that exclusion would cause the basic financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. As required by GAAP, these basic financial statements present the Town (the primary government) and its component units. It has been determined that the Town has no component units that require inclusion in these basic financial statements.

B. Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., statement of net position and the statement of changes in net position) report information on all of the non-fiduciary activities of the primary government and its component units.

Governmental activities, which are primarily supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from *business-type activities*, which are supported primarily by user fees and charges.

Fund Financial Statements

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds, proprietary funds, and fiduciary funds, even though fiduciary funds are excluded from the government-wide financial statements. Major individual governmental funds and major individual enterprise funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements. Nonmajor funds are aggregated and displayed in a single column.

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Major Fund Criteria

Major funds must be reported if the following criteria are met:

- If the total assets and deferred outflows of resources, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources, revenues, or expenditures/expenses of an individual governmental or enterprise fund are at least 10 percent of the corresponding element (assets, liabilities, etc.) for all funds of that category or type (total governmental or total enterprise funds), *and*
- If the total assets and deferred outflows of resources, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources, revenues, or expenditures/expenses of the individual governmental fund or enterprise fund are at least 5 percent of the corresponding element for all governmental and enterprise funds combined.

Additionally, any other governmental or enterprise fund that management believes is particularly significant to the basic financial statements may be reported as a major fund.

Fiduciary funds are reported by fund type.

C. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when the liabilities are incurred. Real estate and personal property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a particular function or segment are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. Program revenues include the following:

- Charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment.
- Grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational requirements of a particular function or segment.
- Grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the capital requirements of a particular function or segment.

Taxes and other items not identifiable as program revenues are reported as general revenues.

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For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from the government-wide financial statements. Exceptions are charges between the general fund and sewer, water and solid waste enterprise funds. Elimination of these charges would distort the direct costs and program revenues reported for the functions affected.

Fund Financial Statements

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the flow of current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when susceptible to accrual (i.e., when measurable and available). Measurable means the amount of the transaction can be determined and available means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for unmatured interest on general long-term debt which is recognized when due, and certain compensated absences, postemployment benefits claims and judgments which are recognized when the amounts have matured or are due and payable.

Real estate and personal property tax revenues are considered available if they are collected within 60 days after year-end. Investment income is susceptible to accrual. Other receipts and tax revenues become measurable and available when the cash is received and are recognized as revenue at that time.

Entitlements and shared revenues are recorded at the time of receipt or earlier if the susceptible to accrual criteria is met. Expenditure driven grants recognize revenue when the qualifying expenditures are incurred and all other grant requirements are met.

The following major governmental funds are reported:

The *General fund* is the primary operating fund. It is used to account for all financial resources, except those that are required to be accounted for in another fund.

The *Community Preservation fund* is used to account for the acquisition, creation, and preservation of open space, outdoor recreation, historical resources, and affordable housing.

The nonmajor governmental funds consist of special revenue and permanent funds that are aggregated and presented in the *nonmajor governmental funds* column on the governmental funds financial statements. The following describes the general use of these fund types:

The *special revenue fund* is used to account for and report the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are restricted or committed to expenditure for specified purposes other than permanent funds or capital projects.

The *capital projects fund* is used to account for and report financial resources that are restricted, committed, or assigned to expenditure for capital outlays, including the acquisition or construction of capital facilities and other capital assets of the governmental funds.

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The *permanent fund* is used to account for and report financial resources that are legally restricted to the extent that only earnings, not principal, may be used for purposes that support the governmental programs.

Proprietary fund financial statements are reported using the flow of economic resources measurement focus and use the accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when the liabilities are incurred.

Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from nonoperating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with the proprietary funds principal ongoing operations. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as nonoperating revenues and expenses.

The following major proprietary funds are reported:

The *Water enterprise fund* is used to account for water distribution operations of the department of public works that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises where the intent of the governing body is that the costs (expenses, including depreciation) of providing goods and services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges.

The *Sewer enterprise fund* is used to account for sewage treatment operations of the department of public works that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises where the intent of the governing body is that the costs (expenses, including depreciation) of providing goods and services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges.

The *Solid Waste enterprise fund* is used to account for the Town's solid waste disposal operations of the public works that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises where the intent of the governing body is that the costs (expenses, including depreciation) of providing goods and services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges.

Fiduciary fund financial statements are reported using the flow of economic resources measurement focus and use the accrual basis of accounting. Fiduciary funds are used to account for assets held in a trustee capacity for others that cannot be used to support the governmental programs.

The following fiduciary fund types are reported:

The *other postemployment benefit trust fund* is used to accumulate resources to provide funding for future other postemployment benefits (OPEB) liabilities.

The *private-purpose trust fund* is used to account for trust arrangements that exclusively benefit individuals, private organizations, or other governments. Some of these trusts have donor restrictions and trustee policies that do not allow the endowment portion and any unrealized appreciation to be

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spent. The restrictions and trustee policies only allow the trustees to approve spending of the realized investment earnings. The Town uses this fund to account for educational scholarships.

D. Cash and Investments

Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

Cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits and short-term investments with an original maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition.

Investments are carried at fair value. The fair values were determined by the closing price for those securities traded on national stock exchanges and the average bid-and-ask quotation for those securities traded in the over-the-counter market.

E. Fair Value Measurements

The Town reports required types of financial instruments in accordance with the fair value standards. These standards require an entity to maximize the use of observable inputs (such as quoted prices in active markets) and minimize the use of unobservable inputs (such as appraisals or valuation techniques) to determine fair value. Fair value standards also require the government to classify these financial instruments into a three-level hierarchy, based on the priority of inputs to the valuation technique or in accordance with net asset value practical expedient rules, which allow for either Level 2 or Level 3 depending on lock up and notice periods associated with the underlying funds.

Instruments measured and reported at fair value are classified and disclosed in one of the following categories:

Level 1 – Quoted prices are available in active markets for identical instruments as of the reporting date. Instruments, which are generally included in this category, include actively traded equity and debt securities, and mutual funds with quoted market prices in active markets.

Level 2 – Pricing inputs are other than quoted in active markets, which are either directly or indirectly observable as of the reporting date, and fair value is determined through the use of models or other valuation methodologies. Certain fixed income securities, primarily corporate bonds, and U.S. government obligations are classified as Level 2 because fair values are estimated using pricing models, matrix pricing, or discounted cash flows.

Level 3 – Pricing inputs are unobservable for the instrument and include situations where there is little, if any, market activity for the instrument. The inputs into the determination of fair value require significant management judgment or estimation.

In some instances the inputs used to measure fair value may fall into different levels of the fair value hierarchy and is based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement.

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Market price is affected by a number of factors, including the type of instrument and the characteristics specific to the instrument. For more information on the fair value of the Town's financial instruments, see Note 2 – Cash and Investments.

F. Accounts Receivable

Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

The recognition of revenue related to accounts receivable reported in the government-wide financial statements and the proprietary funds and fiduciary funds financial statements are reported under the accrual basis of accounting. The recognition of revenue related to accounts receivable reported in the governmental funds financial statements are reported under the modified accrual basis of accounting.

Real Estate, Personal Property Taxes and Tax Liens

Real estate and personal property taxes are levied and based on values assessed on January 1st of every year. Assessed values are established by the Board of Assessor's for 100% of the estimated fair market value. Real estate and personal property taxes are billed on a quarterly basis. The first two quarters (August 1st and November 1st) are preliminary tax bills based upon the previous year's total annual tax. The second two quarters (February 1st and May 1st) are actual tax, reflecting the current year assessment and the current tax rate. Taxes due and unpaid are subject to penalties and interest if they are not paid by the respective due date. The Town has an ultimate right to foreclose on property for which taxes have not been paid. Real estate and personal property taxes levied are recorded as receivables in the year of the levy and are recorded under the modified accrual basis of accounting.

Real estate tax liens are processed after the tax bills are sent and are recorded as receivables in the year they are processed.

Real estate receivables are secured via the tax lien process and are considered 100% collectible. Accordingly, an allowance for uncollectible accounts is not reported.

Personal property taxes cannot be secured through the lien process. The allowance of uncollectible accounts is estimated based on historical trends and specific account analysis.

Motor Vehicle and Other Excise Taxes

Motor vehicle excise taxes are assessed annually for each vehicle registered and are recorded as receivables in the year of the levy. The Commonwealth is responsible for reporting the number of vehicles registered and the fair values of those vehicles. The tax calculation is the fair value of the vehicle multiplied by \$25 per \$1,000 of value.

Boat excise taxes are assessed annually for each boat registered and are recorded as receivables in the year of the levy. The Commonwealth is responsible for reporting the number of boats registered and the fair value of those boats. The tax calculation is the fair value of the boat multiplied by \$10 per \$1,000 of value.

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The allowance for uncollectible accounts is estimated based on historical trends and specific account analysis.

User Charges

User fees are levied semi-annually based on individual meter readings and are subject to penalties and interest if they are not paid by the respective due date. Unbilled user fees are estimated at year-end and are recorded as revenue in the current period. Water, sewer, and solid waste liens are processed in December of every year and included as a lien on the property owner's tax bill. Water, sewer and solid waste charges and liens are recorded as receivables in the year of the levy.

Since the receivables are secured via the lien process, these accounts are considered 100% collectible and therefore do not report an allowance for uncollectible accounts.

Departmental and Other

Departmental and other receivables consist primarily of ambulance charges and veterans benefits and are recorded as receivables in the year accrued. The allowance of uncollectible accounts is estimated based on historical trends and specific account analysis.

Special Assessments

Special assessments consist of sewer construction and particular apportioned street and water line betterments. These receivables are considered to be 100% collectible and therefore do not report an allowance for uncollectible accounts.

Intergovernmental

Various federal and state grants for operating and capital purposes are applied for and received annually. For non-expenditure driven grants, receivables are recorded as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met. For expenditure driven grants, receivables are recorded when the qualifying expenditures are incurred and all other grant requirements are met.

These receivables are considered 100% collectible and therefore do not report an allowance for uncollectible accounts.

G. Capital Assets

Government-Wide and Proprietary Fund Financial Statements

Capital assets, which include land, land improvements, buildings, machinery and equipment, vehicles and infrastructure (e.g., roads, water mains, sewer mains, and similar items), are reported in the applicable governmental or business-type activity column of the government-wide financial statements, and the proprietary fund financial statements. Capital assets are recorded at historical cost, or at

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estimated historical cost, if actual historical cost is not available. Donated capital assets and similar assets are recorded at acquisition value.

All purchases and construction costs in excess of \$25,000 are capitalized at the date of acquisition or construction, respectively, with expected useful lives of greater than one year.

Capital assets (excluding land and construction-in-progress) are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful life of the assets. The estimated useful lives of capital assets are as follows:

<u>Capital Asset Type</u>	<u>Estimated Useful Life (in years)</u>
Buildings and improvements.....	20-40
Improvements other than buildings..	20-30
Machinery and equipment.....	3-20
Vehicles.....	5-7
Books, software and other.....	5
Infrastructure.....	20-50

The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the assets or materially extend asset lives are not capitalized and are treated as expenses when incurred. Improvements are capitalized.

Governmental Fund Financial Statements

Capital asset costs are recorded as expenditures in the acquiring fund in the year of the purchase.

H. Interfund Receivables and Payables

During the course of its operations, transactions occur between and within individual funds that may result in amounts owed between funds.

Government-Wide Financial Statements

Transactions of a buyer/seller nature between and within governmental funds are eliminated from the governmental activities in the statement of net position. Any residual balances outstanding between the governmental activities and business-type activities are reported in the statement of net position as “internal balances”.

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Fund Financial Statements

Transactions of a buyer/seller nature between and within funds are *not* eliminated from the individual fund statements. Receivables and payables resulting from these transactions are classified as “Due from other funds” or “Due to other funds” on the balance sheet.

I. Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

Government-Wide Financial Statements (Net Position)

In addition to assets, the statement of net position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred outflows of resources, represent a consumption of net assets that applies to future periods and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. The Town has reported deferred outflows of resources related to pensions and OPEB in this category.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of net position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred inflows of resources, represent an acquisition of net assets that applies to future periods and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The Town has reported deferred inflows of resources related to pensions OPEB in this category.

Fund Financial Statements

In addition to liabilities, the governmental funds balance sheet will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This financial statement element, deferred inflows of resources, represents assets that have been recorded in the governmental fund financial statements but the revenue is not available and so will *not* be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until it becomes available. The Town has recorded unavailable revenue as deferred inflows of resources in the governmental funds balance sheet.

J. Interfund Transfers

During the course of its operations, resources are permanently reallocated between and within funds. These transactions are reported as transfers in and transfers out.

Government-Wide Financial Statements

Transfers between and within governmental funds and internal service funds are eliminated from the governmental activities in the statement of net position. Any residual balances outstanding between the governmental activities and business-type activities are reported in the statement of activities as “Transfers, net”.

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Fund Financial Statements

Transfers between and within funds are *not* eliminated from the individual fund statements and are reported as transfers in and transfers out.

K. Unearned and Unavailable Revenue

Unearned revenue at the government-wide and fund financial statement level represents resources that have been received, but not yet earned.

Unavailable revenue at the governmental fund financial statement level represent billed receivables that do not meet the available criterion in accordance with the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting, i.e. receivables that are not considered to be available to liquidate liabilities of the current period. Unavailable revenue is recognized as revenue in the conversion to government-wide (full accrual) financial statements.

L. Net Position and Fund Balance

Government-Wide Financial Statements (Net Position)

Net position reported as “net investment in capital assets” includes capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, less the principal balance of outstanding debt used to acquire capital assets. Unspent proceeds of capital related debt are not considered to be capital assets.

Net position is reported as restricted when amounts that are not available for appropriation or are legally restricted by outside parties for a specific future use.

Net position has been “restricted for” the following:

“Permanent funds – expendable” represents the amount of realized and unrealized investment earnings of donor restricted trusts. The restrictions and trustee policies only allows the trustees to approve spending of the realized investment earnings.

“Permanent funds – nonexpendable” represent the endowment portion of donor restricted trusts.

“Gifts and Grants” represents restrictions placed on assets from outside parties.

“Community preservation” represents amounts held for uses restricted by law for community preservation purposes.

Sometimes the Town will fund outlays for a particular purpose from both restricted (e.g., restricted bond or grant proceeds) and unrestricted resources. In order to calculate the amounts to report as restricted net position and unrestricted net position in the government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements, a flow assumption must be made about the order in which the resources are considered to be applied. It

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is the Town's policy to consider restricted net position to have been depleted before unrestricted net position is applied.

Fund Financial Statements (Fund Balances)

Governmental fund balances are classified as nonspendable, restricted, committed, assigned, or unassigned based on the extent to which the government is bound to honor constraints on the specific purposes for which amounts in those funds can be spent.

The governmental fund balance classifications are as follows:

“Nonspendable” fund balance includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either not in spendable form or they are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

“Restricted” fund balance includes amounts subject to constraints placed on the use of resources that are either externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or that are imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

“Committed” fund balance includes amounts that can only be used for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the Town's highest level of decision-making authority. Town Meeting is the highest level of decision making authority that can, by adoption of Town Meeting warrant article, commit funds for a specific purpose. Once voted, the limitation imposed by the vote remains in place until the funds are used for their intended purpose or a vote is taken to rescind the commitment.

“Assigned” fund balance includes amounts that are constrained by the Town's intent to be used for specific purposes, but are neither restricted nor committed. The Town's by-laws authorize the Town Accountant to assign fund balance. Assignments generally only exist temporarily. Additional action does not have to be taken for the removal of an assignment.

“Unassigned” fund balance includes the residual classification for the general fund. This classification represents fund balance that has not been assigned to other funds and that has not been restricted, committed, or assigned to specific purposes within the general fund. The general fund is the only fund that reports a positive unassigned fund balance amount. In other governmental funds it is not appropriate to report a positive unassigned fund balance amount. However, in governmental funds other than the general fund, if expenditures incurred for specific purposes exceed the amounts that are restricted, committed, or assigned to those purposes, it may be necessary to report a negative unassigned fund balance in that fund.

The Town's spending policy is to spend restricted fund balance first, followed by committed, assigned and unassigned fund balance. Most governmental funds are designated for one purpose at the time of their creation. Therefore, any expenditure from the fund will be allocated to the applicable fund balance classifications in the order of the aforementioned spending policy. The general fund and certain other funds may have more than one purpose.

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M. Postemployment Benefits

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, net OPEB liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to postemployment benefits, and postemployment benefits expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Plymouth County Contributory Retirement System, the Massachusetts Teachers Retirement System, and the OPEB trust fund and additions to/deductions from the plan fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the Systems/Trust. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

N. Long-term Debt

Government-Wide and Proprietary Fund Financial Statements

Long-term debt is reported as liabilities in the government-wide and proprietary fund statement of net position. Material bond premiums and discounts are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds using the effective interest method. Bonds payable are reported net of the applicable bond premium or discount.

Governmental Fund Financial Statements

The face amount of governmental funds long-term debt is reported as other financing sources. Bond premiums and discounts, as well as issuance costs, are recognized in the current period. Bond premiums are reported as other financing sources and bond discounts are reported as other financing uses. Issuance costs, whether or not withheld from the actual bond proceeds received, are reported as general government expenditures.

O. Investment Income

Excluding the community preservation fund and permanent funds, investment income derived from major and nonmajor governmental funds is legally assigned to the general fund unless otherwise directed by Massachusetts General Law (MGL).

Investment income from enterprise funds is retained in their respective funds.

P. Compensated Absences

Employees are granted vacation and sick leave in varying amounts based on collective bargaining agreements, state laws and executive policies.

Government-Wide and Proprietary Fund Financial Statements

Vested or accumulated vacation and sick leave are reported as liabilities and expensed as incurred.

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Fund Financial Statements

Vested or accumulated vacation and sick leave, which will be liquidated with expendable available financial resources, are reported as expenditures and fund liabilities upon maturity of the liability, i.e. unused reimbursable leave still outstanding following an employee's resignation or retirement.

Q. Use of Estimates

Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

The preparation of basic financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure for contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the basic financial statements and the reported amounts of the revenues and expenditures/expenses during the year. Actual results could vary from estimates that were used.

R. Total Column

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The total column presented on the government-wide financial statements represents consolidated financial information.

Fund Financial Statements

The total column on the fund financial statements is presented only to facilitate financial analysis. Data in this column is not the equivalent of consolidated financial information.

NOTE 2 – CASH AND INVESTMENTS

A cash and investment pool is maintained that is available for use by all funds. Each fund type's portion of this pool is displayed on the balance sheet as "Cash and Cash Equivalents". The deposits and investments of the trust funds are held separately from those of other funds.

Statutes authorize the investment in obligations of the U.S. Treasury, agencies, and instrumentalities, certificates of deposit, repurchase agreements, money market accounts, bank deposits and the State Treasurer's Investment Pool (the Pool). The Treasurer may also invest trust funds in securities, other than mortgages or collateral loans, which are legal for the investment of funds of savings banks under the laws of the Commonwealth.

The Pool meets the criteria of an external investment pool. The Pool is administered by the Massachusetts Municipal Depository Trust (MMDT), which was established by the Treasurer of the Commonwealth who serves as Trustee. The fair value of the position in the Pool is the same as the value of the Pool shares.

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Custodial Credit Risk – Deposits

In the case of deposits, this is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the Town of Marshfield’s deposits may not be returned to it. The Town’s policy limits its exposure to custodial credit risk through diversification and prudent selection of investment instruments, choice of depository, and collateralization of balances where practical.

At year-end, the carrying amount of deposits totaled \$59,318,958 and the bank balance totaled \$60,657,310. Of the bank balance, \$2,500,000 was covered by Federal Depository Insurance, \$20,555,238 was covered by Deposit Insurance Fund (DIF), \$31,733,421 was covered through collateralization agreements with the bank and \$5,868,651 was exposed to custodial credit risk because it was uninsured and uncollateralized.

Investments

As of June 30, 2024, the Town had the following investments and maturities:

<u>Investment Type</u>	<u>Fair value</u>	<u>Maturities</u>		
		<u>Under 1 Year</u>	<u>1-5 Years</u>	<u>6-10 Years</u>
<u>Debt securities:</u>				
U.S. treasury notes.....	\$ 2,594,407	\$ 935,718	\$ 1,562,087	\$ 96,602
Government sponsored enterprises..	1,042,516	287,870	469,685	284,961
Corporate bonds.....	<u>2,088,110</u>	<u>357,540</u>	<u>1,456,437</u>	<u>274,133</u>
Total debt securities.....	5,725,033	<u>\$ 1,581,128</u>	<u>\$ 3,488,209</u>	<u>\$ 655,696</u>
<u>Other investments:</u>				
Equity securities.....	1,674,312			
Equity mutual funds.....	505,253			
Fixed income mutual funds.....	1,536,156			
MMDT - cash portfolio.....	590,711			
Money market mutual funds.....	<u>142,301</u>			
Total investments.....	<u>\$ 10,173,766</u>			

MMDT maintains a cash portfolio with a weighted average maturity of 43 days. The Town’s investments in fixed income mutual funds and MMDT are unrated.

Custodial Credit Risk – Investments

For an investment, this is the risk that, in the event of a failure by the counterparty, the Town will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral security that are in the possession of an outside party. The Town’s investments in debt securities and equity securities are exposed to custodial credit

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risk, as the related securities are uninsured, unregistered and held by the counterparty. The shares of MMDT and open-end mutual funds are not subject to custodial credit risk because they are not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book-entry form.

The Town does not have an investment policy for custodial credit risk.

Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk exists when there is a possibility that changes in interest rates could adversely affect the fair value of the Town’s investments. The Town does not have a formal investment policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates.

Credit Risk

The Town restricts investments to only the following: obligations of the U.S. Government and foreign governments and their agencies or instrumentalities, banks (including certificates of deposit, time deposits, and bankers’ acceptances located in the U.S.), short-term debt obligations, and overnight and term repurchase agreements and reverse purchase agreements secured by any of the obligations previously listed. The Treasurer may invest in MMDT.

The Town’s investments at June 30, 2024, were rated as follows:

<u>Quality Rating</u>	<u>Government Sponsored Enterprises</u>	<u>Corporate Bonds</u>	<u>Total</u>
AAA.....	\$ -	\$ 178,200	\$ 178,200
AA+.....	1,042,516	-	1,042,516
AA-.....	-	248,923	248,923
A+.....	-	143,020	143,020
A.....	-	179,860	179,860
A-.....	-	523,875	523,875
BBB+.....	-	549,026	549,026
BBB.....	-	265,206	265,206
Total.....	\$ <u>1,042,516</u>	\$ <u>2,088,110</u>	\$ <u>3,130,626</u>

Concentration of Credit Risk

The Town restricts holdings to no more than 10% of the net investment in securities of any one issuer, except investments in securities of the U.S. Government, its agencies or instrumentalities, or in repurchase agreements collateralized fully by such obligations. No more than 25% may be invested in any one industry except there is no limitation on the percentage that may be invested in the financial

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services industry. With the exception of U.S. Treasury obligations or investments fully collateralized by U.S. Treasuries or agencies, and MMDT, no more than 10% of the Town’s investments shall be invested in a single financial institution.

Fair Value of Investments

The Town holds investments that are measured at fair value on a recurring basis. Because investing is not a core part of the Town’s mission, the Town determines that the disclosures related to these investments only need to be disaggregated by major type. The Town chooses a tabular format for disclosing the levels within the fair value hierarchy.

The Town categorizes its fair value measurements within the fair value hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles. The hierarchy is based on the valuation inputs used to measure the fair values of the asset. Level 1 inputs are quoted prices in active markets for identical assets; Level 2 inputs are significant other observable inputs; Level 3 inputs are significant unobservable inputs. The Town has the following recurring fair value measurements as of June 30, 2024:

<u>Investment Type</u>	June 30, 2024	<u>Fair Value Measurements Using</u>		
		Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
Investments measured at fair value:				
<u>Debt securities:</u>				
U.S. treasury notes.....	\$ 2,594,407	\$ -	\$ 2,594,407	\$ -
Government sponsored enterprises.....	1,042,516	-	1,042,516	-
Corporate bonds.....	2,088,110	-	2,088,110	-
Total debt securities.....	<u>5,725,033</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,725,033</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>Other investments:</u>				
Equity securities.....	1,674,312	1,674,312	-	-
Equity mutual funds.....	505,253	505,253	-	-
Fixed income mutual funds.....	1,536,156	1,536,156	-	-
Money market mutual funds.....	142,301	142,301	-	-
Total other investments.....	<u>3,858,022</u>	<u>3,858,022</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total investments measured at fair value.....	9,583,055	<u>\$ 3,858,022</u>	<u>\$ 5,725,033</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Investments measured at amortized cost:				
MMDT - cash portfolio.....	<u>590,711</u>			
Total investments.....	<u>\$ 10,173,766</u>			

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Equity securities, equity mutual funds, fixed income mutual funds, and money market mutual funds classified in Level 1 of the fair value hierarchy are valued using prices quoted in active markets for those securities. U.S. treasury notes, government sponsored enterprises and corporate bonds classified in Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy are valued using a matrix pricing technique. Matrix pricing is used to value securities based on the securities' relations to benchmark quoted prices.

MMDT, which is an external investment pool that is overseen by the Treasurer of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, meets the criteria established by GASB 79, "*Certain External Investment Pools and Pool Participants*", to report its investments at amortized cost; therefore, the Town reports its investments in MMDT at amortized cost which approximates the net asset value of \$1.00 per share. MMDT has a maturity of less than 1 year and is not rated.

NOTE 3 – RECEIVABLES

At June 30, 2024, receivables for the individual major and nonmajor governmental funds in the aggregate, including the applicable allowances for uncollectible accounts, were as follows:

	Gross Amount	Allowance for Uncollectibles	Net Amount
<u>Receivables:</u>			
Real estate and personal property taxes... \$	1,566,560	\$ (26,000)	\$ 1,540,560
Tax liens.....	1,684,503	-	1,684,503
Motor vehicle and other excise taxes.....	634,929	(31,800)	603,129
Departmental and other.....	3,171,556	(475,700)	2,695,856
Intergovernmental.....	528,358	-	528,358
Community preservation state share.....	417,897	-	417,897
Special assessments.....	78,514	-	78,514
Total..... \$	8,082,317	\$ (533,500)	\$ 7,548,817

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At June 30, 2024, receivables for the sewer, water, and solid waste enterprise funds consisted of the following:

	Gross Amount	Allowance for Uncollectibles	Net Amount
<u>Receivables:</u>			
Water user charges.....	\$ 1,712,639	\$ -	\$ 1,712,639
Water special assessments.....	653	-	653
Sewer user charges.....	1,639,706	-	1,639,706
Sewer special assessments.....	141,140	-	141,140
Solid waste user charges.....	1,561,735	-	1,561,735
 Total.....	 \$ 5,055,873	 \$ -	 \$ 5,055,873

Governmental funds report unavailable revenue in connection with receivables for revenues that are not considered to be available to liquidate liabilities of the current period. At the end of the current year, the various components of unavailable revenue reported in the governmental funds were as follows on the next page.

	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total
<u>Receivables and other asset types:</u>			
Real estate and personal property taxes.....	\$ 1,166,583	\$ 23,035	\$ 1,189,618
Tax liens.....	1,684,503	-	1,684,503
Motor vehicle and other excise taxes.....	603,129	-	603,129
Departmental and other.....	2,695,856	-	2,695,856
Community preservation state share.....	-	417,897	417,897
Special assessments.....	78,514	-	78,514
 Total.....	 \$ 6,228,585	 \$ 440,932	 \$ 6,669,517

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NOTE 4 – CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2024 was as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balance
Governmental Activities:				
<u>Capital assets not being depreciated:</u>				
Land.....	\$ 28,356,960	\$ 203,726	\$ -	\$ 28,560,686
Construction in progress.....	52,061,404	-	(42,979,113)	9,082,291
Total capital assets not being depreciated....	80,418,364	203,726	(42,979,113)	37,642,977
<u>Capital assets being depreciated:</u>				
Improvements other than buildings.....	5,258,225	1,711,971	-	6,970,196
Buildings and improvements.....	206,401,251	43,757,991	-	250,159,242
Machinery and equipment.....	20,022,991	781,108	(3,867,056)	16,937,043
Vehicles.....	11,512,994	988,420	-	12,501,414
Books, software and other.....	7,268,192	-	-	7,268,192
Infrastructure.....	90,790,715	3,761,686	-	94,552,401
Total capital assets being depreciated.....	341,254,368	51,001,176	(3,867,056)	388,388,488
<u>Less accumulated depreciation for:</u>				
Improvements other than buildings.....	(545,304)	(59,870)	-	(605,174)
Buildings and improvements.....	(98,859,713)	(7,629,596)	-	(106,489,309)
Machinery and equipment.....	(15,814,744)	(327,120)	3,867,056	(12,274,808)
Vehicles.....	(8,903,026)	(706,451)	-	(9,609,477)
Books, software and other.....	(5,854,952)	(355,833)	-	(6,210,785)
Infrastructure.....	(42,638,404)	(2,050,878)	-	(44,689,282)
Total accumulated depreciation.....	(172,616,143)	(11,129,748)	3,867,056	(179,878,835)
Total capital assets being depreciated, net.....	168,638,225	39,871,428	-	208,509,653
Total governmental activities capital assets, net.....	\$ 249,056,589	\$ 40,075,154	\$ (42,979,113)	\$ 246,152,630

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	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balance
Business-Type Activities:				
<u>Capital assets not being depreciated:</u>				
Land.....	\$ 7,452,270	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,452,270
Construction in progress.....	7,419,114	-	(7,419,114)	-
Total capital assets not being depreciated....	14,871,384	-	(7,419,114)	7,452,270
<u>Capital assets being depreciated:</u>				
Buildings and improvements.....	16,360,502	79,667	-	16,440,169
Machinery and equipment.....	8,676,685	280,225	-	8,956,910
Vehicles.....	3,250,480	262,136	-	3,512,616
Infrastructure.....	95,508,121	8,488,050	(4,122,447)	99,873,724
Total capital assets being depreciated.....	123,795,788	9,110,078	(4,122,447)	128,783,419
<u>Less accumulated depreciation for:</u>				
Buildings and improvements.....	(12,732,726)	(505,522)	-	(13,238,248)
Machinery and equipment.....	(7,014,508)	(166,911)	-	(7,181,419)
Vehicles.....	(2,019,344)	(91,505)	-	(2,110,849)
Infrastructure.....	(48,700,026)	(1,434,038)	4,122,447	(46,011,617)
Total accumulated depreciation.....	(70,466,604)	(2,197,976)	4,122,447	(68,542,133)
Total capital assets being depreciated, net.....	53,329,184	6,912,102	-	60,241,286
Total business-type activities capital assets, net.....	\$ 68,200,568	\$ 6,912,102	\$ (7,419,114)	\$ 67,693,556

Depreciation expense was charged to functions/programs of the primary government as follows:

Governmental Activities:

General government.....	\$ 1,169,008
Public safety.....	1,001,610
Education.....	6,293,177
Public works.....	2,305,402
Health and human services.....	19,232
Culture and recreation.....	341,319

Total depreciation expense - governmental activities.. \$ 11,129,748

Business-Type Activities:

Water.....	\$ 800,894
Sewer.....	1,216,521
Solid waste.....	180,561

Total depreciation expense - business-type activities.. \$ 2,197,976

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NOTE 5 – INTERFUND RECEIVABLES, PAYABLES AND TRANSFERS

At June 30, 2024, the Town had an interfund receivable and payable of \$312,086 between the general fund and the nonmajor school state & federal grants fund. The purpose of the balance was to meet temporary cash flow needs which will be funded by future grant proceeds.

Interfund transfers for the year ended June 30, 2024, were summarized as follows:

	Transfers In:					
Transfers Out:	General fund	Nonmajor governmental funds	Water enterprise fund	Solid waste enterprise fund	Total	
General fund..... \$	-	\$ 4,046,545	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,046,545	(1)
Community Preservation.....	-	250,000	-	-	250,000	(2)
Nonmajor governmental funds....	843,614	371,893	-	165,058	1,380,565	(3)
Water enterprise fund.....	-	1,419,466	-	-	1,419,466	(4)
Sewer enterprise fund.....	-	1,299,231	105,000	-	1,404,231	(4)
Total..... \$	843,614	\$ 7,387,135	\$ 105,000	\$ 165,058	\$ 8,500,807	

- (1) Represents budgeted transfers from the general fund to the nonmajor governmental Town capital projects fund, to provide funding for ongoing and new capital projects within the Town.
- (2) Represents transfers from the Community Preservation Fund to non-major funds to fund an ongoing project within the special revenue nonmajor funds.
- (3) Represents budgeted transfers to the general fund to support the operating budget, a reallocation of resources within the nonmajor governmental funds, and a return of unused capital funding back to the solid waste enterprise fund.
- (4) Represents a reallocation of resources, previously from the general fund free cash to the water and sewer enterprise funds back to the capital nonmajor governmental funds, to fund governmental capital projects.

NOTE 6 – LONG-TERM DEBT

Under the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 10, Municipal Law authorizes indebtedness up to a limit of 5% of the equalized valuation. Debt issued in accordance with this section of the law is designated as being "inside the debt limit". In addition, however, debt may be authorized in excess of that limit for specific purposes. Such debt, when issued, is designated as being "outside the debt limit".

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Details related to the Town’s outstanding general obligation indebtedness at June 30, 2024, and the debt service requirements follow.

Bonds Payable Schedule – Governmental Funds

Project	Maturities Through	Original Loan Amount	Interest Rate (%)	Outstanding at June 30, 2023	Issued	Redeemed	Outstanding at June 30, 2024
General Obligation Bonds Payable:							
Municipal Purpose Bonds 2013.....	2033	\$ 32,682,000	2.43	\$ 15,525,484	-	\$ 1,605,484	\$ 13,920,000
Municipal Purpose Bonds 2014.....	2035	27,106,000	3.00 - 5.00	14,865,000	-	1,330,000	13,535,000
Municipal Purpose Bonds 2016.....	2037	7,852,500	2.00 - 5.00	4,808,416	-	361,860	4,446,556
Municipal Purpose Bonds 2017.....	2028	6,607,500	4.00 - 5.00	2,385,000	-	495,000	1,890,000
Municipal Purpose Bonds 2018.....	2039	2,792,000	3.00 - 5.00	2,215,000	-	140,000	2,075,000
Municipal Purpose Bonds 2019.....	2039	3,200,000	3.00 - 5.00	2,565,000	-	210,000	2,355,000
Municipal Purpose Bonds 2020.....	2049	9,894,000	2.00 - 5.00	9,000,000	-	430,000	8,570,000
Municipal Purpose Bonds 2020.....	2050	20,100,500	2.00 - 5.00	18,837,500	-	460,000	18,377,500
Municipal Purpose Bonds 2021.....	2051	18,881,750	2.00 - 5.00	18,395,500	-	400,000	17,995,500
Municipal Purpose Bonds 2021.....	2042	2,149,000	2.00 - 5.00	2,075,000	-	110,000	1,965,000
Municipal Purpose Bonds 2022.....	2043	2,500,000	4.00 - 5.00	4,490,000	-	330,000	4,160,000
Municipal Purpose Bonds 2023.....	2044	1,040,000	4.00 - 5.00	1,040,000	-	-	1,040,000
Municipal Purpose Bonds 2023.....	2044	1,805,000	4.00 - 5.00	-	1,805,000	-	1,805,000
Subtotal General Obligation Bonds Payable.....				96,201,900	1,805,000	5,872,344	92,134,556
Direct Borrowings Payable:							
MCWT Bonds 2013.....	2035	200,000	0.00	120,000	-	10,000	110,000
Long Term Debt Payable.....				96,321,900	1,805,000	5,882,344	92,244,556
Add: Unamortized premium on bonds.....				4,716,682	223,000	706,206	4,233,476
Total Long Term Debt, net.....				\$ 101,038,582	\$ 2,028,000	\$ 6,588,550	\$ 96,478,032

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Debt service requirements for principal and interest for governmental general obligation bonds and direct borrowings payable in future years are as follows:

Year	General Obligation Bonds Payable			Direct Borrowings	Grand
	Principal	Interest	Total	Principal	Total
2025.....	\$ 6,130,127	\$ 3,080,611	\$ 9,210,738	\$ 10,000	\$ 9,220,738
2026.....	6,238,288	2,728,150	8,966,438	10,000	8,976,438
2027.....	6,211,489	2,454,468	8,665,957	10,000	8,675,957
2028.....	6,154,728	2,217,763	8,372,491	10,000	8,382,491
2029.....	5,641,758	1,985,985	7,627,743	10,000	7,637,743
2030.....	5,543,829	1,773,799	7,317,628	10,000	7,327,628
2031.....	5,574,691	1,566,546	7,141,237	10,000	7,151,237
2032.....	5,568,094	1,376,312	6,944,406	10,000	6,954,406
2033.....	5,455,293	1,202,074	6,657,367	10,000	6,667,367
2034.....	3,530,034	1,056,062	4,586,096	10,000	4,596,096
2035.....	3,555,322	912,452	4,467,774	10,000	4,477,774
2036.....	2,544,653	860,690	3,405,343	-	3,405,343
2037.....	2,452,500	769,215	3,221,715	-	3,221,715
2038.....	2,325,000	722,276	3,047,276	-	3,047,276
2039.....	2,367,500	659,698	3,027,198	-	3,027,198
2040.....	2,108,750	598,902	2,707,652	-	2,707,652
2041.....	2,106,250	539,090	2,645,340	-	2,645,340
2042.....	2,147,500	479,681	2,627,181	-	2,627,181
2043.....	2,058,750	459,687	2,518,437	-	2,518,437
2044.....	2,005,000	363,212	2,368,212	-	2,368,212
2045.....	1,902,500	312,387	2,214,887	-	2,214,887
2046.....	1,938,750	263,244	2,201,994	-	2,201,994
2047.....	1,975,000	211,421	2,186,421	-	2,186,421
2048.....	2,011,250	158,302	2,169,552	-	2,169,552
2049.....	1,917,500	106,980	2,024,480	-	2,024,480
2050.....	1,792,500	61,382	1,853,882	-	1,853,882
2051.....	877,500	18,567	896,067	-	896,067
Total.....	\$ 92,134,556	\$ 26,938,956	\$ 119,073,512	\$ 110,000	\$ 119,183,512

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Bonds Payable Schedule – Sewer Enterprise Fund

Project	Maturities Through	Original Loan Amount	Interest Rate (%)	Outstanding at June 30, 2023	Issued	Redeemed	Outstanding at June 30, 2024
General Obligation Bonds Payable:							
Municipal Purpose Bonds 2016.....	2037	\$ 1,521,000	2.00 - 5.00	\$ 1,040,000	-	\$ 80,000	\$ 960,000
Municipal Purpose Bonds 2021.....	2041	1,716,000	2.00 - 5.00	1,535,000	-	90,000	1,445,000
Municipal Purpose Bonds 2022.....	2043	1,855,000	4.00 - 5.00	1,855,000	-	15,000	1,840,000
Municipal Purpose Bonds 2022.....	2044	1,000,000	4.00 - 5.00	1,000,000	-	-	1,000,000
Subtotal General Obligation Bonds Payable.....				5,430,000	-	185,000	5,245,000
Direct Borrowings Payable:							
MCWT Bonds 2013.....	2033	5,450,000	2.00	3,016,826	-	273,340	2,743,486
Long Term Debt Payable.....				8,446,826	-	458,340	7,988,486
Add: Unamortized premium on bonds.....				145,000	-	18,182	126,818
Total Long Term Debt, net.....				\$ 8,591,826	\$ -	\$ 476,522	\$ 8,115,304

Debt service requirements for principal and interest for the sewer enterprise fund general obligation bonds and direct borrowings payable in future years are as follows:

Year	General Obligation Bonds Payable			Direct Borrowings			Grand Total
	Principal	Interest	Total	Principal	Interest	Total	
2025.....	\$ 235,000	\$ 209,262	\$ 444,262	\$ 279,280	\$ 54,870	\$ 334,150	\$ 778,412
2026.....	265,000	178,112	443,112	285,350	49,284	334,634	777,746
2027.....	265,000	166,862	431,862	291,552	43,577	335,129	766,991
2028.....	265,000	155,487	420,487	297,888	37,746	335,634	756,121
2029.....	275,000	144,237	419,237	304,363	31,788	336,151	755,388
2030.....	275,000	133,112	408,112	310,978	25,701	336,679	744,791
2031.....	280,000	121,862	401,862	317,736	19,482	337,218	739,080
2032.....	285,000	110,237	395,237	324,642	13,127	337,769	733,006
2033.....	290,000	99,937	389,937	331,697	6,634	338,331	728,268
2034.....	300,000	90,493	390,493	-	-	-	390,493
2035.....	305,000	80,632	385,632	-	-	-	385,632
2036.....	315,000	70,625	385,625	-	-	-	385,625
2037.....	320,000	61,026	381,026	-	-	-	381,026
2038.....	260,000	51,650	311,650	-	-	-	311,650
2039.....	265,000	42,850	307,850	-	-	-	307,850
2040.....	275,000	33,750	308,750	-	-	-	308,750
2041.....	280,000	24,350	304,350	-	-	-	304,350
2042.....	205,000	15,500	220,500	-	-	-	220,500
2043.....	210,000	17,600	227,600	-	-	-	227,600
2044.....	75,000	1,500	76,500	-	-	-	76,500
Total.....	\$ 5,245,000	\$ 1,809,084	\$ 7,054,084	\$ 2,743,486	\$ 282,209	\$ 3,025,695	\$ 10,079,779

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Project	Maturities Through	Original Loan Amount	Interest Rate (%)	Outstanding at June 30, 2023	Issued	Redeemed	Outstanding at June 30, 2024
General Obligation Bonds Payable:							
Municipal Purpose Bonds 2011.....	2026	\$ 3,492,000	2.00 - 5.00	\$ 465,000	-	\$ 155,000	\$ 310,000
Municipal Purpose Bonds 2013.....	2033	2,965,000	2.43	1,250,000	-	125,000	1,125,000
Municipal Purpose Bonds 2014.....	2038	616,000	3.00 - 5.00	270,000	-	40,000	230,000
Municipal Purpose Bonds 2016.....	2037	1,380,600	2.00 - 5.00	890,000	-	70,000	820,000
Municipal Purpose Bonds 2017.....	2028	1,039,500	4.00 - 5.00	500,000	-	100,000	400,000
Municipal Purpose Bonds 2020.....	2050	8,718,000	2.00 - 5.00	2,042,500	-	50,000	1,992,500
Municipal Purpose Bonds 2021.....	2042	1,888,250	2.00 - 5.00	1,839,500	-	40,000	1,799,500
Municipal Purpose Bonds 2021.....	2051	586,000	2.00 - 5.00	<u>575,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20,000</u>	<u>555,000</u>
Total Bonds Payable.....				7,832,000	-	600,000	7,232,000
Direct Borrowings Payable:							
MCWT Bonds 2009.....	2024	2,500,000	2.00	<u>190,337</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>190,337</u>	<u>-</u>
Long Term Debt Payable.....				8,022,337	-	790,337	7,232,000
Add: Unamortized premium on bonds.....				<u>58,717</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,371</u>	<u>46,346</u>
Total Long Term Debt, net.....				<u>\$ 8,081,054</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 802,708</u>	<u>\$ 7,278,346</u>

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Debt service requirements for principal and interest for the water enterprise fund general obligation bonds payable in future years are as follows:

Year	General Obligation Bonds Payable		
	Principal	Interest	Total
2025.....\$	590,000	\$ 197,370	\$ 787,370
2026.....	588,750	172,034	760,784
2027.....	437,500	149,609	587,109
2028.....	441,250	134,734	575,984
2029.....	346,250	120,259	466,509
2030.....	356,250	108,234	464,484
2031.....	362,500	96,115	458,615
2032.....	361,250	85,453	446,703
2033.....	366,250	75,634	441,884
2034.....	243,750	68,964	312,714
2035.....	250,750	64,308	315,058
2036.....	233,750	59,663	293,413
2037.....	237,500	55,426	292,926
2038.....	180,000	51,112	231,112
2039.....	182,500	47,403	229,903
2040.....	186,250	43,642	229,892
2041.....	193,750	39,652	233,402
2042.....	197,500	35,545	233,045
2043.....	161,250	31,774	193,024
2044.....	165,000	28,320	193,320
2045.....	167,500	24,785	192,285
2046.....	171,250	21,198	192,448
2047.....	175,000	17,351	192,351
2048.....	178,750	13,384	192,134
2049.....	182,500	9,332	191,832
2050.....	187,500	5,182	192,682
2051.....	87,500	931	88,431
Total.....\$	<u>7,232,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,757,414</u>	<u>\$ 8,989,414</u>

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The Town is subject to various debt limits by statute and may issue additional general obligation debt under the normal debt limit. At June 30, 2024, the Town had the following authorized and unissued debt:

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Plymouth Ave. Wastewater Pump Upgrade..... \$	8,100,000
High School Construction.....	4,271,339
Seawalls.....	1,400,000
Furnace Brook Middle School.....	891,703
Police Facility Construction.....	650,000
DPW Facility Construction.....	650,000
Beach Nourishment.....	375,000
Police Tasers.....	265,800
Police Cruisers.....	185,000
South River Elementary Accessibility.....	168,000
Vision 21 Replacement.....	135,000
Water Main Upgrades.....	120,000
High School and Middle School Digital Signage.....	73,200
Land Acquisition.....	50,000
NPDES Permit BMP Implementation.....	50,000
Ambulances.....	37,539
Tree Removal.....	25,000
Dredging.....	250
Total..... \$	<u>17,447,831</u>

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Changes in Long-term Liabilities

During the year ended June 30, 2024, the following changes occurred in long-term liabilities:

	Beginning Balance	Bonds and Notes Issued	Bonds and Notes Redeemed	Other Increases	Other Decreases	Ending Balance	Due Within One Year
Governmental Activities:							
Long-term general obligation bonds payable. \$	96,201,900	\$ 1,805,000	\$ (5,872,344)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 92,134,556	\$ 6,130,127
Long-term direct borrowing payable.....	120,000	-	(10,000)	-	-	110,000	10,000
Add: Unamortized premium on bonds.....	4,716,682	223,000	(706,206)	-	-	4,233,476	630,890
Total bonds payable.....	101,038,582	2,028,000	(6,588,550)	-	-	96,478,032	6,771,017
Compensated absences.....	3,218,000	-	-	1,406,000	(1,633,000)	2,991,000	1,529,000
Net pension liability.....	44,744,892	-	-	18,934,274	(6,531,597)	57,147,569	-
Net other postemployment benefits liability..	111,329,475	-	-	5,326,084	(17,760,438)	98,895,121	-
Total governmental activity							
long-term liabilities.....	\$ 260,330,949	\$ 2,028,000	\$ (6,588,550)	\$ 25,666,358	\$ (25,925,035)	\$ 255,511,722	\$ 8,300,017
Business-Type Activities:							
Long-term general obligation bonds payable. \$	13,262,000	\$ -	\$ (785,000)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,477,000	\$ 825,000
Long-term direct borrowing payable.....	3,207,163	-	(463,677)	-	-	2,743,486	279,280
Add: Unamortized premium on bonds.....	203,717	-	(30,553)	-	-	173,164	22,491
Total bonds payable.....	16,672,880	-	(1,279,230)	-	-	15,393,650	1,126,771
Landfill closure.....	219,800	-	-	-	(31,400)	188,400	31,400
Compensated absences.....	169,000	-	-	150,000	(169,000)	150,000	150,000
Net pension liability.....	6,680,107	-	-	1,837,925	(975,123)	7,542,909	-
Net other postemployment benefits liability..	3,511,932	-	-	57,215	(693,827)	2,875,320	-
Total business-type activity							
long-term liabilities.....	\$ 27,253,719	\$ -	\$ (1,279,230)	\$ 2,045,140	\$ (1,869,350)	\$ 26,150,279	\$ 1,308,171

The governmental activities long-term liabilities are generally liquidated by the general fund. Business-type activities long-term liabilities are liquidated by each respective fund.

NOTE 7 – GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCE CLASSIFICATIONS

The Town adopted GASB Statement No. 54, *Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions*, as part of its year 2011 reporting. The intention of the GASB is to provide a more structured classification of fund balance and to improve the usefulness of fund balance reporting to the users of the Town’s financial statements. The reporting standard establishes a hierarchy for fund balance classifications and the constraints imposed on the uses of those resources.

GASB 54 provides for two major types of fund balances, which are nonspendable and spendable. Nonspendable fund balances are balances that cannot be spent because they are not expected to be converted to cash or they are legally or contractually required to remain intact. Examples of this classification are prepaid items, inventories, and principal (corpus) of an endowment fund. The Town has reported principal portions of endowment funds as nonspendable.

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In addition to the nonspendable fund balance, GASB 54 has provided a hierarchy of spendable fund balances, based on a hierarchy of spending constraints:

- Restricted: fund balances that are constrained by external parties, constitutional provisions, or enabling legislation.
- Committed: fund balances that contain self-imposed constraints of the Town for its highest level of decision-making authority.
- Assigned: fund balances that contain self-imposed constraints of the Town to be used for a particular purpose.
- Unassigned: fund balance of the general fund that is not constrained for any particular purpose.

As of June 30, 2024, the governmental fund balances consisted of the following:

	General	Community Preservation fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Fund Balances:				
Nonspendable:				
Permanent fund principal.....	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,245,221	\$ 1,245,221
Restricted for:				
Debt exclusion.....	527,753	-	-	527,753
Community preservation fund.....	-	12,766,844	-	12,766,844
School state and federal grants.....	-	-	15,683	15,683
Town state and federal grants.....	-	-	1,610,192	1,610,192
Airport.....	-	-	312,569	312,569
Town general revolving.....	-	-	2,276,812	2,276,812
School general revolving.....	-	-	3,444,778	3,444,778
Student activity.....	-	-	269,246	269,246
Chapter 90.....	-	-	280,730	280,730
Gifts.....	-	-	1,250,745	1,250,745
Other special revenue.....	-	-	1,240,245	1,240,245
School capital projects.....	-	-	376,150	376,150
Town capital projects.....	-	-	6,061,531	6,061,531
Permanent fund.....	-	-	1,623,538	1,623,538
Assigned to:				
Select board.....	29,869	-	-	29,869
Facilities.....	7,385	-	-	7,385
Other general government.....	1,586	-	-	1,586
Police department.....	11,597	-	-	11,597
Other public safety.....	5,470	-	-	5,470
Education.....	20,508	-	-	20,508
Public works.....	39,570	-	-	39,570
Health and human services.....	11,574	-	-	11,574
Culture and recreation.....	142	-	-	142
Utilities.....	6,233	-	-	6,233
Unassigned.....	13,887,425	-	-	13,887,425
Total Fund Balances.....	\$ 14,549,112	\$ 12,766,844	\$ 20,007,440	\$ 47,323,396

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Massachusetts General Law Ch. 40 §5B allows for the establishment of Stabilization funds for one or more different purposes. The creation of a fund requires a two-thirds vote of the legislative body and must clearly define the purpose of the fund. Any change to the purpose of the fund along with any additions to or appropriation from the fund requires a two-thirds vote of the legislative body. At year end the balance of the general stabilization fund was \$6.0 million and was reported as unassigned fund balance within the general fund.

NOTE 8 – RISK FINANCING

The Town is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; and natural disasters for which the Town carries commercial insurance. The amount of claim settlements has not exceeded insurance coverage in any of the previous three years.

The Town is part of the Mayflower Municipal Health Group, a joint purchase agreement (the “JPA”). The purpose of the JPA is for the joint negotiation and purchase of health coverage with insurance carriers. Under these agreements, the insurance claims of the covered employees are paid for by the insurance carrier and are subsequently reimbursed by the JPA. The JPA charges monthly premiums to each governmental unit based upon requirements established through underwriting and actuarial estimates. In addition, the JPA provides full reinsurance coverage for all claim costs in excess of \$250,000 per covered employee.

In the event of the dissolution of the JPA or if the assets of the JPA are insufficient to pay claims which occur, the Town remains liable for its proportionate share. At June 30, 2024 (based on the most recent audited information available), the Mayflower Municipal Health Group had an IBNR accrual of \$7.2 million and an ending net position of approximately \$31.4 million which appears sufficient to support its ongoing claim liabilities.

NOTE 9 – PENSION PLAN

Plan Descriptions

The Town is a member of the Plymouth County Retirement Association (PCRA), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan covering eligible employees of the 52 member units. The PCCRS is administered by five board members (Board) on behalf of all current employees and retirees except for current teachers and retired teachers. Chapter 32 of the MGL assigns authority to establish and amend benefit provisions of the plan. The audited financial report may be obtained by visiting <http://www.pcr-ma.org>.

The Town is a member of the Massachusetts Teachers’ Retirement System (MTRS), a cost-sharing multi-employer defined benefit plan. MTRS is managed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (Commonwealth) on behalf of municipal teachers and municipal teacher retirees. The Commonwealth is a nonemployer contributor and is responsible for 100% of the contributions and future benefit requirements of the MTRS. The MTRS covers certified teachers in cities (except Boston), towns,

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regional school districts, charter schools, educational collaboratives and Quincy College. The MTRS is part of the Commonwealth's reporting entity and the audited financial report may be obtained by visiting <https://mtrs.state.ma.us/service/financial-reports/>.

Special Funding Situation

The Commonwealth is a nonemployer contributor and is required by statute to make 100% of all actuarially determined employer contributions on behalf of the Town to the MTRS. Therefore, the Town is considered to be in a special funding situation as defined by GASB Statement No. 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions* and the Commonwealth is a nonemployer contributor in MTRS. Since the Town does not contribute directly to MTRS, there is no net pension liability to recognize. The total of the Commonwealth provided contributions have been allocated based on each employer's covered payroll to the total covered payroll of employers in MTRS as of the measurement date of June 30, 2023. The Town's portion of the collective pension expense, contributed by the Commonwealth, of \$10,453,292 is reported in the general fund as intergovernmental revenue and pension expense in the current year. The portion of the Commonwealth's collective net pension liability associated with the Town is \$111,955,412 as of the measurement date.

Benefits Provided

Both Systems provide retirement, disability, survivor and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Massachusetts Contributory Retirement System benefits are, with certain minor exceptions, uniform from system to system. The System provides for retirement allowance benefits up to a maximum of 80% of a member's highest three-year average annual rate of regular compensation. For persons who became members on or after April 2, 2012, average salary is the average annual rate of regular compensation received during the five consecutive years that produce the highest average, or, if greater, during the last five years (whether or not consecutive) preceding retirement. Benefit payments are based upon a member's age, length of creditable service, level of compensation, and group classification. Members become vested after ten years of creditable service.

Employees who resign from service and who are not eligible to receive a retirement allowance or are under the age of 55 are entitled to request a refund of their accumulated total deductions. Survivor benefits are extended to eligible beneficiaries of members whose death occurs prior to or following retirement.

Cost-of-living adjustments granted between 1981 and 1997 and any increase in other benefits imposed by the Commonwealth's state law during those years are borne by the Commonwealth and are deposited into the pension fund. Cost-of-living adjustments granted after 1997 must be approved by the Board and are borne by the System.

Contributions

Chapter 32 of the MGL governs the contributions of plan members and member units. Active plan members are required to contribute to the System at rates ranging from 5% to 9% of gross regular compensation with an additional 2% contribution required for compensation exceeding \$30,000. The

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percentage rate is keyed to the date upon which an employee's membership commences. The member units are required to pay into the PCRA a legislatively mandated actuarial determined contribution that is apportioned among the employers based on active current payroll. The Town's proportionate share of the required contribution equaled its actual contribution for the year ended December 31, 2023 and totaled \$8.4 million, 28.07% of covered payroll, actuarially determined as an amount that, when combined with plan member contributions, is expected to finance the costs of benefits earned by plan members during the year, with an additional amount to finance any unfunded accrued liability.

Pension Liabilities

At June 30, 2024, the Town reported a liability of \$64,690,478 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of December 31, 2023, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of January 1, 2024. The Town's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the Town's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating members, actuarially determined. At December 31, 2023, the Town's proportion was 8.150%, which decreased from its proportion of 8.218% measured at December 31, 2022.

Pension Expense

For the year ended June 30, 2024, the Town recognized a pension expense of \$9.0 million. At June 30, 2024, the Town's deferred outflows and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions consisted of the following:

<u>Deferred Category</u>	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>	<u>Total</u>
Differences between expected and actual experience.....	\$ 7,815,303	\$ -	\$ 7,815,303
Difference between projected and actual earnings, net.....	6,104,912	-	6,104,912
Changes in assumptions.....	6,972,303	-	6,972,303
Changes in proportion and proportionate share of contributions....	136,454	(166,631)	(30,177)
Total deferred outflows of resources.....	\$ 21,028,972	\$ (166,631)	\$ 20,862,341

The Town pays their annual appropriation on July 1st of each fiscal year and the measurement date is six months after the payment, on December 31st.

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The deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

<u>Year ended June 30:</u>	
2025.....	\$ 5,677,967
2026.....	6,062,307
2027.....	7,535,070
2028.....	<u>1,586,997</u>
Total.....	\$ <u>20,862,341</u>

Actuarial Assumptions

The total pension liability in the January 1, 2024, actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement that was updated to December 31, 2023:

Valuation date.....	January 1, 2024
Actuarial cost method.....	Individual Entry Age Normal Cost Method.
Asset valuation method.....	Assets held by the fund are valued at fair value.
Investment rate of return/Discount rate....	7.875% nominal rate, net of investment expense.
Projected salary increases.....	3.75% per year.
Cost of living adjustments.....	3.0% of the first \$18,000 of retirement income.
Rates of disability.....	For general employees, it was assumed that 45% of all disabilities are ordinary (55% are service connected). For police and fire employees, 10% of all disabilities are assumed to be ordinary (90% are service connected).
Mortality rates.....	It is assumed that mortality is represented by the various SOA Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Mortality Tables specific to the Group, Preretirement versus Post, Disabled and Beneficiaries, with Scale MP-2021 improvements until 2025.

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Investment Policy

The pension plan’s policy in regard to the allocation of invested assets is established and may be amended by the Board and pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws and Public Employee Retirement Administration guidelines. Plan assets are managed on a total return basis with a long-term objective of achieving and maintaining a fully funded status for the benefits provided through the pension plan.

The investment objective is to fully fund the Plan by generating sufficient long-term inflation adjusted capital appreciation while providing sufficient liquidity to meet short-term withdrawal requirements. The Board desires to balance the goal of higher long-term returns with the goal of minimizing contribution volatility, recognizing these are often competing goals. This requires taking both assets and liabilities into account when setting investment strategy.

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation.

Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in the pension plan’s target asset allocation as of January 1, 2024 are summarized in the following table:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Asset Allocation</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
Domestic equity.....	23.00%	6.80%
International developed equity....	3.00%	7.50%
Emerging markets equity.....	9.00%	4.60%
Global equity.....	11.00%	7.20%
Core bonds.....	10.00%	2.40%
Value-added fixed income.....	7.00%	4.00%
Hedge funds.....	7.00%	4.40%
Real estate.....	10.00%	7.40%
Private equity.....	12.00%	7.30%
Real assets.....	6.00%	7.70%
Cash and cash equivalent.....	2.00%	1.70%
Total.....	<u>100.00%</u>	

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Rate of Return

For the year ended December 31, 2023, the annual money-weighted rate of return on pension plan investments, net of pension plan investment expense, was 8.69%. The money-weighted rate of return expresses investment performance, net of investment expense, adjusted for the changing amounts actually invested.

Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.875% as of December 31, 2023 and December 31, 2022. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed plan member contributions will be made at the current contribution rate and that contributions will be made at rates equal to the actuarially determined contribution rate. Based on those assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

Sensitivity of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate

The following presents the net pension liability, calculated using the discount rate of 7.875%, as well as what the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (6.875%) or 1-percentage-point higher (8.875%) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (6.875%)	Current Discount (7.875%)	1% Increase (8.875%)
The Town's proportionate share of the net pension liability.....	\$ 87,820,320	\$ 64,690,478	\$ 52,915,506

Changes in Assumptions – The mortality assumptions were changed from the prior valuation. Mortality is represented by the various SOA Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Mortality Tables specific to the Group, pre-retirement versus post, disabled and beneficiaries, with Scale MP-2021 improvements until 2025.

Changes in Plan Provisions – The COLA Base increased to \$18,000.

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NOTE 10 – POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS

Plan Description

The Town maintains a single employer defined benefit healthcare plan (the Retiree Health Plan). The Plan provides lifetime healthcare and life insurance for eligible retirees and their spouses. Chapter 32B of the MGL assigns authority to establish and amend benefit provisions of the Plan. The Plan provides the benefits by participating in the Mayflower Municipal Health Group. Medical and prescription drug benefits are provided to all eligible retirees through a variety of plans offered by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts and Harvard Pilgrim Health Care. Benefit provisions are negotiated between the Town and the unions representing Town employees and are renegotiated each bargaining period. The other postemployment benefit plan does not issue a publicly available financial report.

Funding Policy

Contribution requirements are also negotiated between the Town and union representatives. Retired plan members and beneficiaries currently receiving benefits are required to contribute 50% of the cost of benefits provided depending on the plan they choose. The Town is required to contribute the balance of the current premiums and may contribute additional amounts to pre-fund benefits. Administrative costs of the Plan are assumed to be included in the fully insured premium rates. For 2024, the Town contributed \$3,340,719 to the plan or 5.02% of covered payroll.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts passed special legislation that has allowed the Town to establish a postemployment benefit trust fund that enabled the Town to begin pre-funding its other postemployment benefit (OPEB) liabilities. As of June 30, 2024, the balance of this fund totaled \$886,531.

Measurement Date

The net OPEB liability was measured as of June 30, 2024, and the total OPEB liability used to calculate the net OPEB liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2023, rolled forward to the measurement date.

Employees Covered by Benefit Terms

The following table represents the Plan’s membership as of the most recent actuarial valuation:

Active members.....	842
Inactive members currently receiving benefits.....	<u>619</u>
Total.....	<u><u>1,461</u></u>

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Components of OPEB Liability

The following table represents the components of the Plan's OPEB liability as of June 30, 2024:

Total OPEB liability.....	\$	102,656,972
Less: OPEB plan's fiduciary net position.....		<u>(886,531)</u>
Net OPEB liability.....	\$	<u><u>101,770,441</u></u>
The OPEB plan's fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability.....		0.86%

Significant Actuarial Methods and Assumptions

The total OPEB liability in the July 1, 2023, actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement that was updated to June 30, 2024:

Valuation date.....	July 1, 2023
Actuarial cost method.....	Individual Entry Age Normal
Asset valuation method.....	Fair value of assets as of June 30, 2024.
Investment rate of return.....	6.19%, net of OPEB plan investment expense, including inflation. Previously 5.38%.
Single Equivalent discount rate...	4.41%, net of OPEB plan investment expense, including inflation. Previously 4.21%.
Municipal bond rate.....	4.21% as of June 30, 2024. (Source: S&P Municipal Bond 20-Year High Grade Index-SAPIHG).
Inflation.....	2.50% as of June 30, 2024 and for future periods.
Salary increases.....	3.00% annually as of June 30, 2024 and for future periods.

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- Pre-retirement mortality..... General: RP-2014 Mortality Table for Blue Collar Employees projected generationally with scale MP-2016 for males and females, set forward 1 year for females.
Teachers: RP-2014 Mortality for White Collar Employees projected generationally with scale MP-2016 for males and females.

- Post-retirement mortality..... General: RP-2014 Mortality Table for Blue Collar Healthy Annuityants projected generationally with scale MP-2016 for males and females, set forward 1 year for females.
Teachers: RP-2014 Mortality for White Collar Healthy Annuityants projected generationally with scale MP-2016 for males and females.

- Disabled mortality..... General: RP-2014 Mortality Table for Blue Collar Healthy Annuityants projected generationally with scale MP-2016 for males and females, set forward 1 year for females.
Teachers: RP-2014 Mortality for White Collar Healthy Annuityants projected generationally with scale MP-2016 for males and females.

Rate of Return

For the year ended June 30, 2024, the annual money-weighted rate of return on OPEB plan investments was 10.44%. The money-weighted rate of return expresses investment performance, net of OPEB plan investment expense, adjusted for the changing amounts actually invested.

The long-term expected rate of return on OPEB plan investments was determined using a building block method in which best estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation and subtracting expected investment expenses and a risk margin. The Plan’s expected future real rate of return of 3.94% is added to the expected inflation of 2.50%, less investment expense of 0.25%, to produce the long-term expected net investment return of 6.19%. The target allocation and projected arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class, after deducting inflation, but before investment expenses, used in the derivation of the long-term expected investment rate of return assumption are summarized on the following page.

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Asset Class	Long-Term Expected Asset Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Domestic equity - large cap.....	40.00%	4.91%
Domestic equity - small/mid cap.....	4.00%	5.29%
International equity - developed market.....	5.50%	5.32%
International equity - emerging market.....	1.75%	6.13%
Domestic fixed income.....	35.50%	2.30%
International fixed income.....	3.50%	2.02%
Alternatives.....	5.75%	6.35%
Real estate.....	1.75%	6.25%
Cash and cash equivalents.....	2.25%	0.00%
 Total.....	 100.00%	

Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liability was 4.41% as of June 30, 2024, and 4.21% as of June 30, 2023. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions will be made in accordance with the Plan’s funding policy. Based on those assumptions, the OPEB plan’s fiduciary net position was projected to be insufficient to make all projected benefit payments to current plan members. Therefore, long-term expected rate of return on the OPEB Plan assets is applied to the projected benefits payments which the Fiduciary Net Position is expected to be sufficient to cover and the Municipal Bond Rate is applied thereafter. The Municipal Bond Rate is based on the S&P Municipal Bond 20 – Year High Grade Index ("SAPIHG"), which was 4.21% as of June 30, 2024. The S&P Municipal Bond 20 - Year High Grade Index is the index rate for 20 – Year, tax exempt general obligation municipal bonds with an average rate of AA/Aa or higher.

Sensitivity of the Net OPEB Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate

The following table presents the net other postemployment benefit liability, calculated using the discount rate of 4.41%, as well as what the net other postemployment benefits liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (3.41%) or 1-percentage-point higher (5.41%) than the current rate.

	1% Decrease (3.41%)	Current Discount Rate (4.41%)	1% Increase (5.41%)
Net OPEB liability..... \$	119,056,885	\$ 101,770,441	\$ 88,038,998

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Sensitivity of the Net OPEB Liability to Changes in the Healthcare Trend

The following table presents the net other postemployment benefit liability, calculated using the current healthcare trend rate, as well as what the net other postemployment benefits liability would be if it was 1-percentage-point lower or 1-percentage-point higher than the current rate.

	<u>1% Decrease</u>	<u>Current Trend</u>	<u>1% Increase</u>
Net OPEB liability.....	\$ 86,584,110	\$ 101,770,441	\$ 121,243,278

Changes in the Net OPEB Liability

	<u>Increase (Decrease)</u>		
	<u>Total OPEB</u>	<u>Plan</u>	<u>Net OPEB</u>
	<u>Liability</u>	<u>Fiduciary</u>	<u>Liability</u>
	<u>(a)</u>	<u>Net Position</u>	<u>(a) - (b)</u>
	<u>(a)</u>	<u>(b)</u>	<u>(a) - (b)</u>
Balances at June 30, 2023.....	\$ 115,643,922	\$ 802,515	\$ 114,841,407
Changes for the year:			
Service cost.....	3,384,302	-	3,384,302
Interest.....	4,941,492	-	4,941,492
Employer contributions to trust.....	-	3,340,719	(3,340,719)
Changes in assumptions.....	(2,785,157)	-	(2,785,157)
Differences between expected and actual experience.....	(15,186,868)	-	(15,186,868)
Net investment income.....	-	84,016	(84,016)
Benefit payments.....	<u>(3,340,719)</u>	<u>(3,340,719)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net change.....	<u>(12,986,950)</u>	<u>84,016</u>	<u>(13,070,966)</u>
Balances at June 30, 2024.....	\$ <u>102,656,972</u>	\$ <u>886,531</u>	\$ <u>101,770,441</u>

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OPEB Expense and Deferred Outflows and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB

For the year ended June 30, 2024, the Town recognized OPEB expense of \$5,197,874 and reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

Deferred Category	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources	Total
Differences between expected and actual experience.....	\$ -	\$ (19,952,330)	\$ (19,952,330)
Difference between projected and actual earnings, net.....	-	(20,069)	(20,069)
Changes in assumptions.....	4,454,043	(2,738,039)	1,716,004
Total deferred outflows/(inflows) of resources.....	\$ 4,454,043	\$ (22,710,438)	\$ (18,256,395)

Amounts reported as deferred outflows and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense (benefit) as follows:

Year ended June 30:

2025.....	\$ (3,671,122)
2026.....	(3,279,002)
2027.....	(4,842,987)
2028.....	(3,195,668)
2029.....	(2,944,051)
Thereafter.....	(323,565)
Total.....	\$ (18,256,395)

Changes in Assumptions – The discount rate has been increased from 4.21% to 4.41%.

Changes in Plan Provisions – None.

NOTE 11 – LANDFILL CLOSURE

State and federal laws and regulations require the Town to construct a final capping system on its landfill site when it stops accepting waste and to perform certain maintenance and monitoring functions at the site after closure. The Town closed and capped its landfill in 1995. The Town has reflected a \$188,400 post-closure care liability at June 30, 2024, as an obligation of the solid waste enterprise fund. This amount is based upon estimates of what it would cost to perform all post-closure care. Actual costs may be higher due to inflation, deflation, changes in technology, or changes in regulations. Its cost was

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estimated based on semi-annual sampling for the current monitoring network at the site and estimated costs to maintain the integrity of the landfill cap during the post-closure period.

NOTE 12 – COMMITMENTS

The Town has various commitments related to the construction projects which will be financed through long-term borrowing. These projects include \$8.1 million for the Plymouth Ave. wastewater pump upgrade, \$4.3 million for high school construction, \$1.4 million for seawall repairs, and \$3.7 million for various construction projects and other improvements throughout the Town.

The Town is also committed to fund \$133,900 of carryover encumbrances at June 30, 2024.

NOTE 13 – CONTINGENCIES

The Town participates in a number of federal award programs. Although the grant programs have been audited in accordance with the provisions of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* through June 30, 2024, these programs are still subject to financial and compliance audits. The amount, if any, of expenditures which may be disallowed by the granting agencies cannot be determined at this time, although it is expected such amounts, if any, to be immaterial.

Various legal actions and claims are pending. Litigation is subject to many uncertainties, and the outcome of individual litigated matters is not always predictable. Although the amount of liability, if any, at June 30, 2024, cannot be ascertained, management believes any resulting liability should not materially affect the financial position at June 30, 2024.

NOTE 14 – CHANGE IN FUND CLASSIFICATION

During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, the Town reviewed its fund classifications and determined that the Town State & Federal Grants fund and Town Capital Project fund, previously reported as major funds, no longer meet the criteria for major fund reporting according to the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 35, *Basic Financial Statements—and Management’s Discussion and Analysis—for State and Local Governments*.

The Town State & Federal Grants fund and the Town Capital Project fund have been reclassified as nonmajor funds for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. This reclassification is based on the funds financial activity, which no longer meets the quantitative thresholds established for major fund reporting. The decision to reclassify was made to provide more accurate and relevant financial information to users of the financial statements.

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The effects of this reclassification are reflected in the accompanying financial statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. The reclassification did not have any impact on the total net position or the change in net position of the Town.

	Reporting units affected by adjustment to beginning fund balances		
	Town State & Federal Grants	Town Capital Project	Nonmajor governmental funds
June 30, 2023, as previously reported.....	\$ 714,069	\$ 5,076,319	\$ 12,802,240
Adjustment - change from major to nonmajor fund.....	(714,069)	(5,076,319)	5,790,388
June 30, 2023, as adjusted.....	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 18,592,628

NOTE 15 – IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW GASB PRONOUNCEMENTS

During 2024, the following GASB pronouncement was implemented:

- **GASB Statement #100, *Accounting Changes and Error Corrections*.** This standard provides guidelines for the disclosures and presentation requirements concerning major and nonmajor funds, among other topics. For detailed information on the impact from the implementation of this standard, please refer to Note 14.

The following GASB pronouncements will be implemented in the future:

- The GASB issued Statement #101, *Compensated Absences*, which is required to be implemented in 2025.
- The GASB issued Statement #102, *Certain Risk Disclosures*, which is required to be implemented in 2025.
- The GASB issued Statement #103, *Financial Reporting Model Improvements*, which is required to be implemented in 2026.
- The GASB issued Statement #104, *Disclosure of Certain Capital Assets*, which is required to be implemented in 2026.

Management is currently assessing the impact the implementation of these pronouncements will have on the annual comprehensive financial report.

Required Supplementary Information

General Fund Budgetary Comparison Schedule

The general fund is the general operating fund of the Town. It is used to account for the entire Town's financial resources, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

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**General Fund – Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance –
Budget and Actual**

Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Budgetary Amounts	Amounts Carried Forward To Next Year	Variance to Final Budget
	Original Budget	Final Budget			
REVENUES:					
Real estate and personal property taxes, net of tax refunds.....	\$ 80,361,522	\$ 80,361,522	\$ 79,906,136	\$ -	\$ (455,386)
Tax liens.....	-	-	487,123	-	487,123
Motor vehicle and other excise taxes.....	4,200,601	4,200,601	6,201,679	-	2,001,078
Charges for service.....	1,500,000	1,500,000	2,015,705	-	515,705
Penalties and interest on taxes.....	350,000	350,000	52,314	-	(297,686)
Payments in lieu of taxes.....	45,000	45,000	45,386	-	386
Intergovernmental.....	18,494,301	18,494,301	18,412,227	-	(82,074)
Departmental and other.....	1,423,874	1,283,000	3,424,499	-	2,141,499
Investment income.....	310,000	310,000	1,426,964	-	1,116,964
TOTAL REVENUES.....	106,685,298	106,544,424	111,972,033	-	5,427,609
EXPENDITURES:					
GENERAL GOVERNMENT					
MODERATOR:					
Salaries.....	300	300	300	-	-
SELECT BOARD:					
Salaries.....	398,267	408,742	408,742	-	-
Expenses.....	306,883	404,302	374,433	29,869	-
Elected officials.....	3,417	3,234	3,234	-	-
TOTAL.....	708,567	816,278	786,409	29,869	-
TOWN ACCOUNTANT:					
Salaries.....	244,079	221,974	221,974	-	-
Expenses.....	9,900	4,791	4,791	-	-
TOTAL.....	253,979	226,765	226,765	-	-
ASSESSORS:					
Salaries.....	230,616	233,630	233,630	-	-
Expenses.....	96,767	97,569	97,569	-	-
Elected officials.....	3,687	3,687	3,687	-	-
TOTAL.....	331,070	334,886	334,886	-	-
TREASURER/ COLLECTOR:					
Salaries.....	512,439	505,961	505,961	-	-
Expenses.....	50,680	105,623	105,130	493	-
TOTAL.....	563,119	611,584	611,091	493	-
ANNUAL AUDIT/PAYROLL SERVICE:					
Expenditures.....	108,500	111,833	111,833	-	-
LEGAL:					
Legal expenses.....	110,000	196,714	196,714	-	-
HUMAN RESOURCES:					
Salaries.....	105,940	108,056	108,056	-	-
Expenses.....	9,500	10,303	9,933	370	-
TOTAL.....	115,440	118,359	117,989	370	-
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY:					
Salaries.....	277,433	279,966	279,966	-	-
Expenses.....	112,340	277,012	276,289	723	-
TOTAL.....	389,773	556,978	556,255	723	-
TOWN CLERK:					
Salaries.....	102,360	99,339	99,339	-	-
Expenses.....	4,000	7,034	7,034	-	-
Elected officials.....	87,720	83,000	83,000	-	-
TOTAL.....	194,080	189,373	189,373	-	-
ELECTIONS:					
Salaries.....	15,000	51,862	51,862	-	-
Expenditures.....	31,300	28,335	28,335	-	-
TOTAL.....	46,300	80,197	80,197	-	-

See notes to required supplementary information.

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**General Fund – Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance –
Budget and Actual (Continued)**

Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Budgetary Amounts	Amounts Carried Forward To Next Year	Variance to Final Budget
	Original Budget	Final Budget			
CONSERVATION COMMISSION:					
Salaries.....	233,653	222,178	222,178	-	-
Expenses.....	13,605	6,427	6,427	-	-
TOTAL.....	247,258	228,605	228,605	-	-
PLANNING BOARD:					
Salaries.....	199,088	194,346	194,346	-	-
Expenses.....	2,800	725	725	-	-
Elected officials.....	1,120	1,120	1,120	-	-
TOTAL.....	203,008	196,191	196,191	-	-
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS:					
Salaries.....	63,356	67,120	67,120	-	-
Expenses.....	5,500	5,966	5,966	-	-
TOTAL.....	68,856	73,086	73,086	-	-
FACILITIES:					
Salaries.....	234,613	267,016	267,016	-	-
Expenses.....	134,622	224,635	217,250	7,385	-
TOTAL.....	369,235	491,651	484,266	7,385	-
RESERVE FUND.....	100,000	-	-	-	-
Total General Government.....	3,809,485	4,232,800	4,193,960	38,840	-
PUBLIC SAFETY					
POLICE DEPARTMENT:					
Salaries.....	6,455,609	6,711,187	6,711,175	-	12
Expenses.....	206,288	261,560	249,963	11,597	-
TOTAL.....	6,661,897	6,972,747	6,961,138	11,597	12
FIRE DEPARTMENT:					
Salaries.....	6,274,210	6,261,416	6,261,416	-	-
Expenses.....	297,289	438,067	432,717	5,350	-
TOTAL.....	6,571,499	6,699,483	6,694,133	5,350	-
BUILDING INSPECTION:					
Salaries.....	366,602	357,233	357,233	-	-
Expenses.....	8,410	4,671	4,641	30	-
TOTAL.....	375,012	361,904	361,874	30	-
SEALER OF WEIGHTS/MEASURES:					
Expenses.....	5,000	5,000	5,000	-	-
ANIMAL CONTROL:					
Salaries.....	111,435	124,828	124,828	-	-
Expenses.....	24,655	21,825	21,825	-	-
TOTAL.....	136,090	146,653	146,653	-	-
ANIMAL INSPECTOR:					
Salaries.....	10,019	10,018	10,018	-	-
HARBOR MASTER:					
Salaries.....	114,126	158,841	158,841	-	-
Expenses.....	38,454	38,387	38,297	90	-
Dept. capital.....	13,840	4,909	4,909	-	-
TOTAL.....	166,420	202,137	202,047	90	-
Total Public Safety.....	13,925,937	14,397,942	14,380,863	17,067	12
EDUCATION					
PUBLIC SCHOOLS:					
Salaries and expenses.....	55,902,865	56,030,548	56,010,040	20,508	-

See notes to required supplementary information.

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**General Fund – Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance –
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Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Budgetary Amounts	Amounts Carried Forward To Next Year	Variance to Final Budget
	Original Budget	Final Budget			
PUBLIC WORKS					
DPW ADMINISTRATION:					
Salaries.....	181,322	129,971	129,971	-	-
Expenses.....	13,118	15,826	15,780	46	-
Elected officials.....	2,180	1,498	1,498	-	-
TOTAL.....	196,620	147,295	147,249	46	-
DPW ENGINEERING:					
Salaries.....	130,220	163,414	163,414	-	-
Expenses.....	25,956	12,627	12,582	45	-
TOTAL.....	156,176	176,041	175,996	45	-
HIGHWAY:					
Salaries.....	903,462	890,030	890,030	-	-
Expenses.....	154,848	168,963	167,661	1,302	-
TOTAL.....	1,058,310	1,058,993	1,057,691	1,302	-
MAINTENANCE:					
Salaries.....	231,841	300,471	300,471	-	-
Expenses.....	237,046	306,447	300,848	5,599	-
TOTAL.....	468,887	606,918	601,319	5,599	-
CEMETERY, GREENS, TREES:					
Salaries.....	648,109	677,935	677,935	-	-
Expenses.....	229,183	118,319	118,294	25	-
TOTAL.....	877,292	796,254	796,229	25	-
SNOW AND ICE:					
Salaries.....	107,100	88,179	88,179	-	-
Expenses.....	292,900	212,421	212,421	-	-
TOTAL.....	400,000	300,600	300,600	-	-
AUTOMOTIVE FUEL:					
Expenses.....	353,568	510,193	477,640	32,553	-
Total Public Works.....	3,510,853	3,596,294	3,556,724	39,570	-
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES					
HEALTH:					
Salaries.....	396,901	286,417	286,417	-	-
Expenses.....	24,009	10,590	10,590	-	-
Elected officials.....	1,460	1,460	1,460	-	-
TOTAL.....	422,370	298,467	298,467	-	-
COUNCIL ON AGING:					
Salaries.....	521,516	507,369	507,369	-	-
Expenses.....	46,100	58,835	49,764	9,071	-
TOTAL.....	567,616	566,204	557,133	9,071	-
VETERANS' SERVICES:					
Salaries.....	166,657	170,358	170,358	-	-
Expenses.....	351,120	267,119	264,616	2,503	-
TOTAL.....	517,777	437,477	434,974	2,503	-
Total Health and Human Services.....	1,507,763	1,302,148	1,290,574	11,574	-

See notes to required supplementary information.

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Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Budgetary Amounts	Amounts Carried Forward To Next Year	Variance to Final Budget
	Original Budget	Final Budget			
CULTURE AND RECREATION					
LIBRARY:					
Salaries.....	704,412	731,861	731,861	-	-
Expenses.....	174,500	168,502	168,502	-	-
TOTAL.....	878,912	900,363	900,363	-	-
VETERANS MEMORIAL:					
Salaries.....	-	-	-	-	-
Expenses.....	24,670	23,051	23,051	-	-
TOTAL.....	24,670	23,051	23,051	-	-
HISTORICAL COMMISSION:					
Expenditures.....	6,045	6,111	5,969	142	-
CLAM FLATS:					
Salaries.....	1,000	7,501	7,501	-	-
Expenses.....	1,000	810	810	-	-
TOTAL.....	2,000	8,311	8,311	-	-
Total Culture and Recreation.....	911,627	937,836	937,694	142	-
BUSINESS INSURANCE.....	1,325,116	1,396,827	1,396,827	-	-
UNEMPLOYEMENT COMPENSATION.....	50,000	-	-	-	-
RETIREMENT.....	7,958,323	8,383,384	8,383,384	-	-
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS.....	8,181,912	7,779,521	7,485,115	-	294,406
MEDICARE.....	975,000	1,026,791	1,026,791	-	-
STATE AND COUNTY ASSESSMENTS.....	1,387,777	1,490,811	1,315,689	-	175,122
UTILITIES.....	489,306	818,046	811,813	6,233	-
DEBT SERVICE:					
Principal.....	5,867,002	5,908,564	5,908,564	-	-
Interest.....	3,105,007	3,191,438	3,191,438	-	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES.....	108,907,973	110,492,950	109,889,476	133,934	469,540
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES.....	(2,222,675)	(3,948,526)	2,082,557	(133,934)	5,897,149
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):					
Transfers in.....	1,899,937	3,079,936	3,079,936	-	-
Transfers out.....	-	(4,977,245)	(4,976,545)	-	700
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES).....	1,899,937	(1,897,309)	(1,896,609)	-	700
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE.....	(322,738)	(5,845,835)	185,948	(133,934)	5,897,849
BUDGETARY FUND BALANCE, Beginning of year...	8,012,029	8,012,029	8,012,029	-	-
BUDGETARY FUND BALANCE, End of year.....	\$ 7,689,291	\$ 2,166,194	\$ 8,197,977	\$ (133,934)	\$ 5,897,849

See notes to required supplementary information.

Pension Plan Schedules

The Schedule of the Town's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability presents multi-year trend information on the Town's net pension liability and related schedules.

The Schedule of the Town's Contributions presents multi-year trend information on the Town's required and actual contributions to the pension plan and related ratios.

The Schedule of the Special Funding Amounts of the Net Pension Liability for the Massachusetts Teachers Retirement System presents multi-year trend information on the liability and expense assumed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts on behalf of the Town along with related ratios.

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Schedule of the Town's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability

Plymouth County Retirement Association

<u>Year</u>	<u>Proportion of the net pension liability (asset)</u>	<u>Proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)</u>	<u>Covered payroll</u>	<u>Net pension liability as a percentage of covered payroll</u>	<u>Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability</u>
December 31, 2023.....	8.150%	\$ 64,690,478	\$ 29,563,842	218.82%	64.10%
December 31, 2022.....	8.218%	51,424,999	25,695,810	200.13%	68.00%
December 31, 2021.....	8.215%	38,424,117	25,695,810	149.53%	75.49%
December 31, 2020.....	8.095%	47,445,200	24,456,407	194.00%	67.90%
December 31, 2019.....	8.109%	55,321,130	23,824,850	232.20%	61.61%
December 31, 2018.....	7.985%	58,714,414	22,333,198	262.90%	56.11%
December 31, 2017.....	8.106%	43,582,541	23,034,352	189.21%	65.56%
December 31, 2016.....	8.081%	51,194,441	21,859,954	234.19%	58.32%
December 31, 2015.....	7.909%	50,159,092	21,623,658	231.96%	56.80%
December 31, 2014.....	7.909%	46,100,484	20,842,080	221.19%	58.88%

See notes to required supplementary information.

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Schedule of the Town's Contributions

Plymouth County Retirement Association

<u>Year</u>	<u>Actuarially determined contribution</u>	<u>Contributions in relation to the actuarially determined contribution</u>	<u>Contribution deficiency (excess)</u>	<u>Covered payroll</u>	<u>Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll</u>
June 30, 2024.....	\$ 8,382,184	\$ (8,382,184)	-	\$ 29,859,480	28.07%
June 30, 2023.....	7,506,720	(7,506,720)	-	25,952,768	28.92%
June 30, 2022.....	6,955,238	(6,955,238)	-	25,952,768	26.80%
June 30, 2021.....	6,506,332	(6,506,332)	-	24,700,971	26.34%
June 30, 2020.....	5,984,136	(5,984,136)	-	24,063,099	24.87%
June 30, 2019.....	5,804,983	(5,804,983)	-	22,556,530	25.74%
June 30, 2018.....	5,538,881	(5,538,881)	-	23,264,696	23.81%
June 30, 2017.....	5,347,669	(5,347,669)	-	22,078,554	24.22%
June 30, 2016.....	5,134,471	(5,134,471)	-	21,839,895	23.51%
June 30, 2015.....	4,847,897	(4,847,897)	-	21,050,501	23.03%

See notes to required supplementary information.

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Schedule of Special Funding Amounts of the Net Pension Liability

Massachusetts Teachers' Retirement System

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts is a nonemployer contributor and is required by statute to make all actuarially determined employer contributions on behalf of the member employers which creates a special funding situation. Therefore, there is no net pension liability to recognize. This schedule discloses the Commonwealth's 100% share of the associated collective net pension liability; the portion of the collective pension expense as both a revenue and pension expense recognized; and the Plan's fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total liability.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Commonwealth's 100% Share of the Associated Net Pension Liability</u>	<u>Expense and Revenue Recognized for the Commonwealth's Support</u>	<u>Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Liability</u>
2024.....	\$ 111,955,412	\$ 10,453,292	58.48%
2023.....	112,801,317	9,279,009	57.75%
2022.....	101,432,831	8,139,562	62.03%
2021.....	125,101,594	15,451,839	50.67%
2020.....	109,344,668	13,259,939	53.95%
2019.....	106,088,017	10,750,484	54.84%
2018.....	104,809,256	10,939,247	65.56%
2017.....	101,339,201	10,337,263	52.73%
2016.....	96,481,795	7,825,532	55.38%
2015.....	74,722,138	5,191,306	61.64%

See notes to required supplementary information.

Other Postemployment Benefit Plan Schedules

The Schedule of Changes in the Town's Net Other Postemployment Benefit Liability and Related Ratios presents multi-year trend information on changes in the Plan's total OPEB liability, changes in the Plan's net position, and ending net OPEB liability. It also demonstrates the Plan's net position as a percentage of the total liability and the Plan's net other postemployment benefit liability as a percentage of covered employee payroll.

The Schedule of the Town's Contributions presents multi-year trend information on the Town's actual contributions to the other postemployment benefit plan and related ratios.

The Schedule of Investment Returns presents multi-year trend information on the money-weighted investment return on the Plan's other postemployment assets, net of investment expense.

These schedules are intended to present information for ten years. Until a ten-year trend is compiled, information is presented for those years for which information is available.

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Schedule of Changes in the Town's Net OPEB Liability and Related Ratios

Other Postemployment Benefit Plan

	June 30, 2017	June 30, 2018	June 30, 2019	June 30, 2020	June 30, 2021	June 30, 2022	June 30, 2023	June 30, 2024
Total OPEB Liability								
Service Cost.....	\$ 2,946,110	\$ 3,314,556	\$ 3,975,490	\$ 3,657,606	\$ 3,830,610	\$ 4,605,012	\$ 3,289,388	\$ 3,384,302
Interest.....	3,094,203	3,192,944	2,810,417	3,137,894	3,194,942	3,016,984	4,726,739	4,941,492
Changes of benefit terms.....	7,732,204	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Differences between expected and actual experience.....	(14,514,588)	(6,350,637)	-	(10,546,584)	-	(10,804,041)	-	(15,186,868)
Changes of assumptions.....	-	2,830,357	6,976,446	8,174,890	9,339,976	(623,924)	(134,635)	(2,785,157)
Benefit payments.....	(2,631,388)	(2,240,222)	(2,485,903)	(2,571,875)	(2,820,379)	(3,095,111)	(2,948,852)	(3,340,719)
Net change in total OPEB liability.....	(3,373,459)	746,998	11,276,450	1,851,931	13,545,149	(6,901,080)	4,932,640	(12,986,950)
Total OPEB liability - beginning.....	93,565,293	90,191,834	90,938,832	102,215,282	104,067,213	117,612,362	110,711,282	115,643,922
Total OPEB liability - ending (a).....	\$ 90,191,834	\$ 90,938,832	\$ 102,215,282	\$ 104,067,213	\$ 117,612,362	\$ 110,711,282	\$ 115,643,922	\$ 102,656,972
Plan fiduciary net position								
Employer contributions.....	\$ 180,177	\$ 50,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 120,000	\$ 100,000	\$ -	\$ -
Employer contributions for OPEB payments.....	2,651,388	2,240,222	2,485,903	2,571,875	2,820,379	3,095,111	2,948,852	3,340,719
Net investment income/(loss).....	5,260	7,137	9,390	14,130	110,813	(55,790)	61,398	84,016
Benefit payments.....	(2,651,388)	(2,240,222)	(2,485,903)	(2,571,875)	(2,820,379)	(3,095,111)	(2,948,852)	(3,340,719)
Net change in plan fiduciary net position.....	185,437	57,137	109,390	114,130	230,813	44,210	61,398	84,016
Plan fiduciary net position - beginning of year.....	-	185,437	242,574	351,964	466,094	696,907	741,117	802,515
Plan fiduciary net position - end of year (b).....	\$ 185,437	\$ 242,574	\$ 351,964	\$ 466,094	\$ 696,907	\$ 741,117	\$ 802,515	\$ 886,531
Net OPEB liability - ending (a)-(b).....	\$ 90,006,397	\$ 90,696,258	\$ 101,863,318	\$ 103,601,119	\$ 116,915,455	\$ 109,970,165	\$ 114,841,407	\$ 101,770,441
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability.....	0.21%	0.27%	0.34%	0.45%	0.59%	0.67%	0.69%	0.86%
Covered-employee payroll.....	\$ 49,016,559	\$ 50,379,219	\$ 53,447,314	\$ 58,956,931	\$ 60,725,638	\$ 55,755,753	\$ 57,428,426	\$ 66,565,281
Net OPEB liability as a percentage of covered-employee payroll.....	183.62%	180.03%	190.59%	175.72%	192.53%	197.24%	199.97%	152.89%

Note: this schedule is intended to present information for 10 years.
Until a 10-year trend is compiled, information is presented for those years for which information is available.

See notes to required supplementary information.

Town of Marshfield, Massachusetts
Schedule of the Town's Contributions
Other Postemployment Benefit Plan

<u>Year</u>	<u>Actuarially determined contribution</u>	<u>Contributions in relation to the actuarially determined contribution</u>	<u>Contribution deficiency (excess)</u>	<u>Covered- employee payroll</u>	<u>Contributions as a percentage of covered- employee payroll</u>
June 30, 2024.....	\$ 7,487,456	\$ (3,340,719)	\$ 4,146,737	\$ 66,565,281	5.02%
June 30, 2023.....	7,800,743	(2,948,852)	4,851,891	57,428,426	5.13%
June 30, 2022.....	8,919,362	(3,195,111)	5,724,251	55,755,753	5.73%
June 30, 2021.....	7,459,066	(2,940,379)	4,518,687	60,725,638	4.84%
June 30, 2020.....	8,789,307	(2,671,875)	6,117,432	58,956,931	4.53%
June 30, 2019.....	9,021,112	(2,940,379)	6,080,733	53,447,314	5.50%
June 30, 2018.....	7,981,428	(2,290,222)	5,691,206	50,379,219	4.55%
June 30, 2017.....	7,319,653	(2,651,388)	4,668,265	49,016,559	5.41%

Note: this schedule is intended to present information for 10 years.
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Town of Marshfield, Massachusetts

Schedule of Investment Returns

Other Postemployment Benefit Plan

<u>Year</u>	<u>Annual money-weighted rate of return, net of investment expense</u>
June 30, 2024.....	10.44%
June 30, 2023.....	8.28%
June 30, 2022.....	-8.01%
June 30, 2021.....	21.23%
June 30, 2020.....	3.45%
June 30, 2019.....	3.12%
June 30, 2018.....	-4.42%
June 30, 2017.....	2.92%

Note: this schedule is intended to present information for 10 years. Until a 10-year trend is compiled, information is presented for those years for which information is available.

See notes to required supplementary information.

Town of Marshfield, Massachusetts

Notes to Required Supplementary Information

Year Ended June 30, 2024

NOTE A – STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Budgetary Information

Municipal Law requires the adoption of a balanced budget that is approved by the Finance Committee (Committee). The Committee presents an annual budget to the Open Town Meeting, which includes estimates of revenues and other financing sources and recommendations of expenditures and other financing uses. The Town, which has full authority to amend and/or reject the budget or any line item, adopts the expenditure budget by majority vote.

Increases or transfers between and within departments subsequent to the approval of the annual budget, requires majority vote at a Special Town Meeting.

The majority of appropriations are non-continuing which lapse at the end of each year. Others are continuing appropriations for which the governing body has authorized that an unspent balance from a prior year be carried forward and made available for spending in the current year. These carry forwards are included as part of the subsequent year's original budget.

Generally, expenditures may not exceed the legal level of spending (salaries and expenses) authorized for an appropriation account. However, the payment of debt service is statutorily required, regardless of whether such amounts are appropriated. Additionally, expenditures for disasters, natural or otherwise, and final claims and judgments may exceed the level of spending authorized by majority vote at a Special Town Meeting.

An annual budget is adopted for the general fund in conformity with the guidelines described above. The original year 2024 approved budget authorized approximately \$115.5 million in appropriations and other amounts to be raised.

The increases occurred most in transfers out of \$5.0 million in addition to increases in departmental budgets, all of which was primarily funded by the use of free cash of \$5.7 million along with additional transfers in of \$1.2 million. After year end, the select board approved year end transfers between budget line items to address increase costs for utilities, automotive fuel, information technology, legal expenses and other items.

The Town Accountant's office has the responsibility to ensure that budgetary control is maintained. Budgetary control is exercised through the accounting system.

Budgetary - GAAP Reconciliation

For budgetary financial reporting purposes, the Uniform Municipal Accounting System basis of accounting (established by the Commonwealth) is followed, which differs from the GAAP basis of accounting.

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Notes to Required Supplementary Information

Year Ended June 30, 2024

A reconciliation of budgetary-basis to GAAP-basis results for the general fund for the year ended June 30, 2024, is presented below:

Net change in fund balance - budgetary basis.....	\$ 185,948
 <u>Perspective differences:</u>	
Activity of the stabilization fund recorded in the general fund for GAAP.....	7,514
 <u>Basis of accounting differences:</u>	
Net change in recording tax refunds payable.....	335,920
Net change in recording revenue.....	(98,059)
Recognition of revenue for on-behalf payments.....	10,453,292
Recognition of expenditures for on-behalf payments....	<u>(10,453,292)</u>
 Net change in fund balance - GAAP basis.....	 <u>\$ 431,323</u>

NOTE B – PENSION PLAN

Pension Plan Schedules

Schedule of the Town’s Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability

The Schedule of the Town’s Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability details the allocated percentage of the net pension liability (asset), the proportionate share of the net pension liability, and the covered employee payroll. It also demonstrates the net position as a percentage of the pension liability and the net pension liability as a percentage of covered payroll.

Schedule of the Town’s Contributions

Governmental employers are required to pay an annual appropriation as established by PERAC. The appropriation includes the amounts to pay the pension portion of each member’s retirement allowance, an amount to amortize the actuarially determined unfunded liability to zero in accordance with the System’s funding schedule, and additional appropriations in accordance with adopted early retirement incentive programs. The appropriations are payable on July 1 and January 1. The Town may choose to pay the entire appropriation in July at a discounted rate. Accordingly, actual contributions may be less than the “total appropriation”. The pension fund appropriation is allocated to the Town based on covered payroll.

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Notes to Required Supplementary Information

Year Ended June 30, 2024

Schedule of the Special Funding Amounts of the Net Pension Liabilities

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts is a nonemployer contributor and is required by statute to make all actuarially determined employer contributions on behalf of the member employers which creates a special funding situation. Since the Town does not contribute directly to MTRS, there is no net pension liability to recognize. This schedule discloses the Commonwealth's 100% share of the collective net pension liability that is associated with the Town; the portion of the collective pension expense as both revenue and pension expense recognized by the Town; and the Plan's fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total liability.

Changes in Assumptions – The mortality assumptions were changed from the prior valuation. Mortality is represented by the various SOA Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Mortality Tables specific to the Group, pre-retirement versus post, disabled and beneficiaries, with Scale MP-2021 improvements until 2025.

Changes in Plan Provisions – The COLA Base increased to \$18,000.

NOTE C – OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

The Town administers a single-employer defined benefit healthcare plan (“the Retiree Health Plan”). The plan provides lifetime healthcare for eligible retirees and their spouses through the Town’s health insurance plan, which covers both active and retired members, including teachers.

The Other Postemployment Benefit Plan

Schedule of Changes in the Town’s Net Other Postemployment Benefit Liability and Related Ratios

The Schedule of Changes in the Town’s Net Other Postemployment Benefit Liability and Related Ratios presents multi-year trend information on changes in the Plan’s total OPEB liability, changes in the Plans net pension, and ending net OPEB liability. It also demonstrates the Plan’s net position as a percentage of the total liability and the Plan’s net other postemployment benefit liability as a percentage of covered payroll.

Schedule of the Town’s Contributions

The Schedule of the Town’s Contributions includes the Town’s annual required contribution to the Plan, along with the contribution made in relation to the actuarially determined contribution and the covered employee payroll. The Town is not required to fully fund this contribution. It also demonstrates the contributions as a percentage of covered payroll.

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Notes to Required Supplementary Information

Year Ended June 30, 2024

Actuarially determined contribution rates are calculated as of June 30, two years prior to the end of the fiscal year in which contributions are reported. Methods and assumptions used to determine contribution rates are as follows:

Valuation date.....	July 1, 2023
Actuarial cost method.....	Individual Entry Age Normal
Asset valuation method.....	Fair value of assets as of June 30, 2024.
Investment rate of return.....	6.19%, net of OPEB plan investment expense, including inflation. Previously 5.38%.
Single Equivalent discount rate...	4.41%, net of OPEB plan investment expense, including inflation. Previously 4.21%.
Municipal bond rate.....	4.21% as of June 30, 2024. (Source: S&P Municipal Bond 20-Year High Grade Index-SAPIHG).
Inflation.....	2.50% as of June 30, 2024 and for future periods.
Salary increases.....	3.00% annually as of June 30, 2024 and for future periods.
Pre-retirement mortality.....	General: RP-2014 Mortality Table for Blue Collar Employees projected generationally with scale MP-2016 for males and females, set forward 1 year for females. Teachers: RP-2014 Mortality for White Collar Employees projected generationally with scale MP-2016 for males and females.
Post-retirement mortality.....	General: RP-2014 Mortality Table for Blue Collar Healthy Annuityants projected generationally with scale MP-2016 for males and females, set forward 1 year for females. Teachers: RP-2014 Mortality for White Collar Healthy Annuityants projected generationally with scale MP-2016 for males and females.
Disabled mortality.....	General: RP-2014 Mortality Table for Blue Collar Healthy Annuityants projected generationally with scale MP-2016 for males and females, set forward 1 year for females. Teachers: RP-2014 Mortality for White Collar Healthy Annuityants projected generationally with scale MP-2016 for males and females.

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Notes to Required Supplementary Information

Year Ended June 30, 2024

Schedule of Investment Returns

The Schedule of Investment Returns includes the money-weighted investment return on the Plan's other postemployment assets, net of investment expenses.

Changes in Assumptions – The discount rate has been increased from 4.21% to 4.41%.

Changes in Plan Provisions – None.

Combining Fund Statements

Nonmajor Governmental Funds

Special Revenue Funds

Special revenue funds are used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources (other than permanent funds or capital project funds) that are restricted by law or administrative action to expenditures for specified purposes. The Town's special revenue funds are grouped into the following categories:

School State and Federal Grant Fund – This fund accounts for all federal and state grants used for school related projects and activities.

Town State and Federal Grant Fund – This fund accounts for all federal and state grants used for all non-school related projects and activities.

Airport Fund – This fund is used to account for improvements, certain maintenance, and capital equipment associated with the Town's Municipal Airport.

Town General Revolving Fund – This fund accounts for various Town operations such as insurance recoveries, recreation activities and workers compensation.

School General Revolving Fund – This fund accounts for school activities, such as operation of the public school lunch program, athletic receipts, and tuition costs.

Student Activity Fund – This fund accounts for extra-curricular student activities.

Chapter 90 Fund – This fund accounts for grants received from the State mainly in relation to maintaining the Town's streets and sidewalks.

Gifts and Donations Fund – This fund accounts for gifts which have been accepted by the Town for purposes that are specified by the donor.

Other Fund – These funds account for receipts reserved for appropriation as well as various bequests made by benefactors to the Town for which principal portions of bequests as well as the related earnings can be expended by the Town.

Capital Projects Funds

Capital project funds are used to account for financial resources used in the acquisition or construction of major capital facilities (other than those financed by enterprise funds). Such resources are derived principally from proceeds of general obligation bonds and grants. The Town's grouping for non-major capital project funds is as described as follows:

School Capital Project Fund – This fund is used to account for financial resources for the acquisition or construction of school capital facilities and other school capital activities.

Town Capital Project Fund – This fund is used to account for financial resources for the acquisition, construction or major repairs of Town capital facilities and other capital purchases.

Permanent Funds

Permanent funds are used to report resources that are legally restricted to the extent that only earnings, not principal, may be used for purposes that support governmental programs.

Permanent Fund – This fund is used to account for all contributions and bequests for which only earnings may be expended to benefit the Town.

Town of Marshfield, Massachusetts

**Nonmajor Governmental Funds
Combining Balance Sheet**

June 30, 2024

Special Revenue Funds

	School State & Federal Grants	Town State & Federal Grants	Airport	Town General Revolving	School General Revolving	Student Activity	Chapter 90
ASSETS							
Cash and cash equivalents.....	\$ -	\$ 3,580,673	\$ 344,552	\$ 2,363,417	\$ 3,518,569	\$ 270,438	\$ 477,328
Investments.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Receivables, net of uncollectibles:							
Intergovernmental.....	<u>528,358</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL ASSETS.....	<u>\$ 528,358</u>	<u>\$ 3,580,673</u>	<u>\$ 344,552</u>	<u>\$ 2,363,417</u>	<u>\$ 3,518,569</u>	<u>\$ 270,438</u>	<u>\$ 477,328</u>
LIABILITIES							
Warrants payable.....	\$ 186,288	\$ 136,827	\$ 31,983	\$ 26,693	\$ 46,922	\$ 392	\$ 196,598
Accrued payroll.....	14,301	7,467	-	59,912	26,869	800	-
Due to other funds.....	312,086	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other liabilities.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unearned revenue.....	<u>-</u>	<u>1,826,187</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES.....	<u>512,675</u>	<u>1,970,481</u>	<u>31,983</u>	<u>86,605</u>	<u>73,791</u>	<u>1,192</u>	<u>196,598</u>
FUND BALANCES							
Nonspendable.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Restricted.....	<u>15,683</u>	<u>1,610,192</u>	<u>312,569</u>	<u>2,276,812</u>	<u>3,444,778</u>	<u>269,246</u>	<u>280,730</u>
TOTAL FUND BALANCES.....	<u>15,683</u>	<u>1,610,192</u>	<u>312,569</u>	<u>2,276,812</u>	<u>3,444,778</u>	<u>269,246</u>	<u>280,730</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES....	<u>\$ 528,358</u>	<u>\$ 3,580,673</u>	<u>\$ 344,552</u>	<u>\$ 2,363,417</u>	<u>\$ 3,518,569</u>	<u>\$ 270,438</u>	<u>\$ 477,328</u>

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**Nonmajor Governmental Funds
Combining Balance Sheet (Continued)**

June 30, 2024

	Special Revenue Funds			Capital Project Funds			Permanent Fund	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
	Gifts & Donations	Other	Subtotal	School Capital Projects	Town Capital Projects	Subtotal		
ASSETS								
Cash and cash equivalents.....	\$ 1,281,734	\$ 2,321,101	\$ 14,157,812	\$ 376,150	\$ 6,167,405	\$ 6,543,555	\$ 404,652	\$ 21,106,019
Investments.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,464,107	2,464,107
Receivables, net of uncollectibles:								
Intergovernmental.....	-	-	528,358	-	-	-	-	528,358
							-	
TOTAL ASSETS.....	\$ 1,281,734	\$ 2,321,101	\$ 14,686,170	\$ 376,150	\$ 6,167,405	\$ 6,543,555	\$ 2,868,759	\$ 24,098,484
LIABILITIES								
Warrants payable.....	\$ 30,989	\$ 28,305	\$ 684,997	\$ -	\$ 101,657	\$ 101,657	\$ -	\$ 786,654
Accrued payroll.....	-	5,907	115,256	-	4,217	4,217	-	119,473
Due to other funds.....	-	-	312,086	-	-	-	-	312,086
Other liabilities.....	-	1,046,644	1,046,644	-	-	-	-	1,046,644
Unearned revenue.....	-	-	1,826,187	-	-	-	-	1,826,187
							-	
TOTAL LIABILITIES.....	30,989	1,080,856	3,985,170	-	105,874	105,874	-	4,091,044
FUND BALANCES								
Nonspendable.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,245,221	1,245,221
Restricted.....	1,250,745	1,240,245	10,701,000	376,150	6,061,531	6,437,681	1,623,538	18,762,219
TOTAL FUND BALANCES.....	1,250,745	1,240,245	10,701,000	376,150	6,061,531	6,437,681	2,868,759	20,007,440
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES....	\$ 1,281,734	\$ 2,321,101	\$ 14,686,170	\$ 376,150	\$ 6,167,405	\$ 6,543,555	\$ 2,868,759	\$ 24,098,484

Town of Marshfield, Massachusetts

**Nonmajor Governmental Funds
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances**

Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Special Revenue Funds						
	School State & Federal Grants	Town State & Federal Grants	Airport	Town General Revolving	School General Revolving	Student Activity	Chapter 90
REVENUES:							
Charges for services.....	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 52,267	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Intergovernmental.....	4,302,551	5,536,596	119,800	-	789,691	-	1,098,373
Departmental and other.....	-	1,707	22,717	2,663,951	3,350,555	408,031	-
Contributions and donations.....	90,648	-	-	-	-	-	-
Investment income/(loss).....	-	85,497	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL REVENUES.....	4,393,199	5,623,800	194,784	2,663,951	4,140,246	408,031	1,098,373
EXPENDITURES:							
Current:							
General government.....	-	1,539,383	223,616	1,437,084	-	-	-
Public safety.....	-	3,362,245	-	177,052	-	-	-
Education.....	6,185,895	15,000	-	-	3,335,113	439,631	-
Public works.....	-	300,500	-	-	-	-	1,317,643
Health and human services.....	-	80,186	-	174,854	-	-	-
Culture and recreation.....	-	51,156	-	827,117	-	-	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES.....	6,185,895	5,348,470	223,616	2,616,107	3,335,113	439,631	1,317,643
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES.....	(1,792,696)	275,330	(28,832)	47,844	805,133	(31,600)	(219,270)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):							
Issuance of long-term debt.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Premium from issuance of debt.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers in.....	-	621,343	-	-	-	-	500,000
Transfers out.....	(405,381)	(550)	-	(307,905)	-	-	-
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)....	(405,381)	620,793	-	(307,905)	-	-	500,000
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES.....	(2,198,077)	896,123	(28,832)	(260,061)	805,133	(31,600)	280,730
FUND BALANCES AT BEGINNING OF YEAR.....	2,213,760	714,069	341,401	2,536,873	2,639,645	300,846	-
FUND BALANCES AT END OF YEAR.....	\$ 15,683	\$ 1,610,192	\$ 312,569	\$ 2,276,812	\$ 3,444,778	\$ 269,246	\$ 280,730

Town of Marshfield, Massachusetts

**Nonmajor Governmental Funds
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances (Continued)**

Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Special Revenue Funds			Capital Project Funds			Permanent Fund	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
	Gifts & Donations	Other	Subtotal	School Capital Projects	Town Capital Projects	Subtotal		
REVENUES:								
Charges for services.....	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 52,267	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 52,267
Intergovernmental.....	203,381	252,234	12,302,626	-	-	-	-	12,302,626
Departmental and other.....	2,973	302,381	6,752,315	-	-	-	-	6,752,315
Contributions and donations.....	485,138	472,680	1,048,466	-	-	-	66,602	1,115,068
Investment income/(loss).....	-	16,309	101,806	-	-	-	113,663	215,469
TOTAL REVENUES.....	691,492	1,043,604	20,257,480	-	-	-	180,265	20,437,745
EXPENDITURES:								
Current:								
General government.....	8,159	4,637	3,212,879	-	2,727,773	2,727,773	3,449	5,944,101
Public safety.....	28,682	93,997	3,661,976	-	1,504,164	1,504,164	-	5,166,140
Education.....	298,498	-	10,274,137	588,461	725,184	1,313,645	-	11,587,782
Public works.....	211,291	-	1,829,434	-	1,192,618	1,192,618	-	3,022,052
Health and human services.....	87,444	7,258	349,742	-	61,331	61,331	-	411,073
Culture and recreation.....	27,515	8	905,796	-	20,559	20,559	-	926,355
TOTAL EXPENDITURES.....	661,589	105,900	20,233,964	588,461	6,231,629	6,820,090	3,449	27,057,503
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES.....	29,903	937,704	23,516	(588,461)	(6,231,629)	(6,820,090)	176,816	(6,619,758)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):								
Issuance of long-term debt.....	-	-	-	290,000	1,515,000	1,805,000	-	1,805,000
Premium from issuance of debt.....	-	-	-	-	223,000	223,000	-	223,000
Transfers in.....	250,550	-	1,371,893	-	6,015,242	6,015,242	-	7,387,135
Transfers out.....	-	(70,328)	(784,164)	-	(536,401)	(536,401)	(60,000)	(1,380,565)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)...	250,550	(70,328)	587,729	290,000	7,216,841	7,506,841	(60,000)	8,034,570
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES.....	280,453	867,376	611,245	(298,461)	985,212	686,751	116,816	1,414,812
FUND BALANCES AT BEGINNING OF YEAR.....	970,292	372,869	10,089,755	674,611	5,076,319	5,750,930	2,751,943	18,592,628
FUND BALANCES AT END OF YEAR.....	\$ 1,250,745	\$ 1,240,245	\$ 10,701,000	\$ 376,150	\$ 6,061,531	\$ 6,437,681	\$ 2,868,759	\$ 20,007,440

Statistical Section



Pictured above is Marshfield High School

Statistical Section

This part of the Town of Marshfield's annual comprehensive financial report presents detailed information as a context for understanding what the information in the financial statements, note disclosures, and required supplementary information says about the Town's overall financial health.

Financial Trends

- These schedules contain trend information to help the reader understand how the Town's financial performance and well-being have changed over time.

Revenue Capacity

- These schedules contain information to help the reader assess the Town's most significant local revenue source, the property tax.

Debt Capacity

- These schedules present information to help the reader assess the affordability of the Town's current levels of outstanding debt and the Town's ability to issue additional debt in the future.

Demographic and Economic Information

- These schedules offer demographic and economic indicators to help the reader understand the environment within which the Town's financial activities take place.

Operating Information

- These schedules contain service and infrastructure data to help the reader understand how the information in the Town's financial report relates to the services the Town provides and the activities it performs.

SOURCES: Unless otherwise noted, the information in these schedules is derived from the Town's financial reports for the relevant year.

Town of Marshfield, Massachusetts

Net Position by Component

Last Ten Years

	2015	2016	2017	2018 (1)	2019 (1)	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Governmental activities										
Net investment in capital assets.....	\$ 143,838,725	\$ 149,244,882	\$ 144,078,423	\$ 146,758,657	\$ 148,968,232	\$ 151,366,094	\$ 155,015,218	\$ 154,412,195	\$ 151,617,323	\$ 151,931,047
Restricted.....	7,659,915	8,004,644	7,239,201	7,721,219	9,292,397	10,889,372	10,889,372	15,211,501	16,590,241	17,702,410
Unrestricted.....	<u>(54,354,781)</u>	<u>(57,825,355)</u>	<u>(106,360,568)</u>	<u>(110,141,485)</u>	<u>(115,893,609)</u>	<u>(122,312,923)</u>	<u>(122,312,923)</u>	<u>(123,298,312)</u>	<u>(124,305,931)</u>	<u>(125,394,629)</u>
Total governmental activities net position.....	<u>\$ 97,143,859</u>	<u>\$ 99,424,171</u>	<u>\$ 44,957,056</u>	<u>\$ 44,338,391</u>	<u>\$ 42,367,020</u>	<u>\$ 39,942,543</u>	<u>\$ 43,591,667</u>	<u>\$ 46,325,384</u>	<u>\$ 43,901,633</u>	<u>\$ 44,238,828</u>
Business-type activities										
Net investment in capital assets.....	\$ 52,115,038	\$ 52,272,970	\$ 52,690,605	\$ 52,965,317	\$ 53,758,554	\$ 53,610,222	\$ 53,610,222	\$ 49,817,853	\$ 52,909,586	\$ 53,886,535
Unrestricted.....	<u>3,577,268</u>	<u>5,536,387</u>	<u>2,656,036</u>	<u>4,293,276</u>	<u>3,452,722</u>	<u>3,784,764</u>	<u>3,784,764</u>	<u>5,970,445</u>	<u>5,917,631</u>	<u>5,297,153</u>
Total business-type activities net position.....	<u>\$ 55,692,306</u>	<u>\$ 57,809,357</u>	<u>\$ 55,346,641</u>	<u>\$ 57,258,593</u>	<u>\$ 57,211,276</u>	<u>\$ 57,394,986</u>	<u>\$ 57,394,986</u>	<u>\$ 55,788,298</u>	<u>\$ 58,827,217</u>	<u>\$ 59,183,688</u>
Primary government										
Net investment in capital assets.....	\$ 195,953,763	\$ 201,517,852	\$ 196,769,028	\$ 199,723,974	\$ 202,726,786	\$ 204,976,316	\$ 208,625,440	\$ 204,230,048	\$ 204,526,909	\$ 205,817,582
Restricted.....	7,659,915	8,004,644	7,239,201	7,721,219	9,292,397	10,889,372	10,889,372	15,211,501	16,590,241	17,702,410
Unrestricted.....	<u>(50,777,513)</u>	<u>(52,288,968)</u>	<u>(103,704,532)</u>	<u>(105,848,209)</u>	<u>(112,440,887)</u>	<u>(118,528,159)</u>	<u>(118,528,159)</u>	<u>(117,327,867)</u>	<u>(118,388,300)</u>	<u>(120,097,476)</u>
Total primary government net position.....	<u>\$ 152,836,165</u>	<u>\$ 157,233,528</u>	<u>\$ 100,303,697</u>	<u>\$ 101,596,984</u>	<u>\$ 99,578,296</u>	<u>\$ 97,337,529</u>	<u>\$ 100,986,653</u>	<u>\$ 102,113,682</u>	<u>\$ 102,728,850</u>	<u>\$ 103,422,516</u>

(1) The Town changed the measurement date for GASB Statement No. 75 in 2019 which required the restatement of the ending net position in 2018.

Town of Marshfield, Massachusetts

Changes in Net Position

Last Ten Years

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Expenses										
Governmental activities:										
General government.....	\$ 5,287,075	\$ 5,454,536	\$ 5,039,837	\$ 6,229,074	\$ 6,573,493	\$ 8,780,359	\$ 11,363,762	\$ 10,478,587	\$ 9,304,794	\$ 11,344,632
Public safety.....	17,178,837	17,642,972	20,007,583	18,535,773	20,486,730	20,647,932	20,107,655	20,604,932	24,285,326	24,479,735
Education.....	63,678,563	71,400,698	77,272,810	76,954,444	83,649,632	86,927,713	90,653,655	85,448,819	91,836,523	95,003,382
Public works.....	7,368,229	5,425,790	5,676,705	7,339,773	6,576,131	6,152,029	5,911,704	6,462,296	7,433,755	7,786,488
Health and human services.....	1,413,444	1,359,699	1,451,215	1,493,604	1,734,504	1,728,721	1,628,126	1,873,762	2,119,346	2,218,968
Culture and recreation.....	1,851,271	1,938,060	1,998,183	2,198,032	2,450,888	2,351,018	2,318,460	2,113,865	2,704,806	2,424,064
Community preservation.....	217,358	524,802	407,658	383,622	204,885	61,548	241,676	202,958	403,352	90,151
Interest.....	2,534,687	2,040,212	2,322,959	1,994,643	2,191,408	2,597,586	3,357,732	2,749,970	2,279,316	2,407,391
Total governmental activities expenses.....	99,529,464	105,786,769	114,176,950	115,128,965	123,867,671	129,246,906	135,582,770	129,935,189	140,367,218	145,754,811
Business-type activities:										
Sewer.....	3,911,778	4,048,263	3,750,001	4,195,771	3,981,216	4,582,449	3,824,106	4,224,321	3,413,506	3,937,101
Water.....	3,859,098	3,747,914	4,070,665	3,846,879	4,243,123	4,375,110	5,224,563	4,948,834	4,641,283	4,157,595
Solid waste.....	2,667,770	3,161,419	3,232,949	3,472,293	3,969,777	3,321,234	4,684,688	5,041,301	5,093,389	5,377,704
Total business-type activities expenses.....	10,438,646	10,957,596	11,053,615	11,514,943	12,194,116	12,278,793	13,733,357	14,214,456	13,148,178	13,472,400
Total primary government expenses.....	\$ 109,968,110	\$ 116,744,365	\$ 125,230,565	\$ 126,643,908	\$ 136,061,787	\$ 141,525,699	\$ 149,316,127	\$ 144,149,645	\$ 153,515,396	\$ 159,227,211
Program Revenues										
Governmental activities:										
Charges for services:										
Public safety charges for services.....	\$ 1,879,054	\$ 1,897,114	\$ 1,979,101	\$ 2,362,387	\$ 2,852,585	\$ 2,828,007	\$ 2,494,879	\$ 3,267,234	\$ 3,393,695	\$ 4,507,865
Education charges for services.....	1,954,966	2,379,114	2,444,417	2,383,342	2,257,103	1,728,235	1,066,165	1,323,876	1,856,397	1,877,008
Public works charges for services.....	164,938	143,925	155,042	180,119	136,400	130,956	200,477	136,845	110,709	384,522
Other charges for services.....	691,130	774,374	1,019,901	1,012,961	1,236,538	1,613,099	1,654,379	1,394,804	3,359,966	2,456,461
Operating grants and contributions.....	25,899,258	28,216,908	30,333,387	32,763,116	31,814,470	37,509,231	43,222,009	40,267,159	35,312,784	39,802,326
Capital grants and contributions.....	7,425,898	6,781,879	1,920,726	4,074,110	5,704,003	2,892,606	1,804,242	2,987,411	2,575,901	1,913,182
Total government activities program revenues.....	38,015,244	40,193,314	37,852,574	42,776,035	44,001,099	46,702,134	50,442,151	49,377,329	46,609,452	50,941,364
Business-type activities:										
Charges for services:										
Sewer.....	2,665,121	2,891,655	2,768,763	3,018,225	3,299,180	3,653,603	3,979,085	3,645,003	3,857,101	4,442,327
Water.....	4,286,064	4,550,875	4,359,266	4,167,797	4,401,591	4,419,507	6,269,846	4,851,974	5,773,694	5,812,665
Solid Waste.....	3,030,814	3,425,199	3,496,870	3,945,305	4,056,975	4,417,041	4,777,811	4,909,526	5,700,713	5,915,191
Operating grants and contributions.....	77,281	67,918	57,352	50,708	47,081	26,842	20,201	16,892	-	-
Capital grants and contributions.....	297,160	235,507	221,041	223,149	190,523	192,242	182,943	190,930	696,628	-
Total business-type activities program revenues.....	10,356,440	11,171,154	10,903,292	11,405,184	11,995,350	12,709,235	15,229,886	13,614,325	16,028,136	16,170,183
Total primary government program revenues.....	\$ 48,371,684	\$ 51,364,468	\$ 48,755,866	\$ 54,181,219	\$ 55,996,449	\$ 59,411,369	\$ 65,672,037	\$ 62,991,654	\$ 62,637,588	\$ 67,111,547

Town of Marshfield, Massachusetts

Changes in Net Position (Continued)

Last Ten Years

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Net (Expense)/Revenue										
Governmental activities.....	\$ (61,514,220)	\$ (65,593,455)	\$ (76,324,376)	\$ (72,352,930)	\$ (79,866,572)	\$ (82,544,772)	\$ (85,140,619)	\$ (80,557,860)	\$ (93,757,766)	\$ (94,813,447)
Business-type activities.....	(82,206)	213,558	(150,323)	(109,759)	(198,766)	430,442	1,496,529	(600,131)	2,879,958	2,697,783
Total primary government net expense.....	<u>\$ (61,596,426)</u>	<u>\$ (65,379,897)</u>	<u>\$ (76,474,699)</u>	<u>\$ (72,462,689)</u>	<u>\$ (80,065,338)</u>	<u>\$ (82,114,330)</u>	<u>\$ (83,644,090)</u>	<u>\$ (81,157,991)</u>	<u>\$ (90,877,808)</u>	<u>\$ (92,115,664)</u>
General Revenues and other Changes in Net Position										
Governmental activities:										
Real estate, personal property taxes and tax liens, net of tax refunds payable.....	\$ 57,062,403	\$ 60,645,177	\$ 63,310,059	\$ 64,920,986	\$ 67,603,244	\$ 68,905,378	\$ 72,223,433	\$ 75,370,575	\$ 78,886,313	\$ 79,438,871
Motor vehicle and other excise taxes.....	3,605,718	4,634,720	4,397,836	4,170,576	4,743,891	4,762,322	4,875,282	5,096,649	5,532,765	6,058,912
Community preservation tax.....	1,244,991	1,321,967	1,351,613	1,524,112	1,427,805	1,803,198	2,027,715	1,892,024	2,081,487	2,015,695
Penalties and interest on taxes.....	420,779	287,375	103,592	350,827	273,414	309,349	732,495	332,169	67,670	52,314
Payments in lieu of taxes.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	50,934	45,386
Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs.....	2,335,068	2,528,692	2,511,326	2,815,627	2,792,074	2,906,751	2,677,240	2,955,730	3,382,353	2,785,992
Unrestricted investment income.....	100,625	90,134	230,714	349,657	888,153	779,609	668,740	132,759	1,332,493	2,199,833
Miscellaneous.....	73,562	51,348	223,773	180,384	121,620	78,769	99,760	213,749	-	-
Transfers.....	197,950	(1,685,646)	-	(256,000)	45,000	396,625	1,318,000	1,465,000	-	2,553,639
Total governmental activities.....	<u>65,041,096</u>	<u>67,873,767</u>	<u>72,128,913</u>	<u>74,056,169</u>	<u>77,895,201</u>	<u>79,942,001</u>	<u>84,622,665</u>	<u>87,458,655</u>	<u>91,334,015</u>	<u>95,150,642</u>
Business-type activities:										
Unrestricted investment income.....	54,233	217,847	269,683	133,670	196,449	149,893	119,306	160,608	158,961	212,327
Transfers.....	(197,950)	1,685,646	-	256,000	(45,000)	(396,625)	(1,318,000)	(1,465,000)	-	(2,553,639)
Total business-type activities.....	<u>(143,717)</u>	<u>1,903,493</u>	<u>269,683</u>	<u>389,670</u>	<u>151,449</u>	<u>(246,732)</u>	<u>(1,198,694)</u>	<u>(1,304,392)</u>	<u>158,961</u>	<u>(2,341,312)</u>
Total primary government.....	<u>\$ 64,897,379</u>	<u>\$ 69,777,260</u>	<u>\$ 72,398,596</u>	<u>\$ 74,445,839</u>	<u>\$ 78,046,650</u>	<u>\$ 79,695,269</u>	<u>\$ 83,423,971</u>	<u>\$ 86,154,263</u>	<u>\$ 91,492,976</u>	<u>\$ 92,809,330</u>
Changes in Net Position										
Governmental activities.....	\$ 3,526,876	\$ 2,280,312	\$ (4,195,463)	\$ 1,703,239	\$ (1,971,371)	\$ (2,602,771)	\$ (517,954)	\$ 6,900,795	\$ (2,423,751)	\$ 337,195
Business-type activities.....	(225,923)	2,117,051	119,360	279,911	(47,317)	183,710	297,835	(1,904,523)	3,038,919	356,471
Total primary government.....	<u>\$ 3,300,953</u>	<u>\$ 4,397,363</u>	<u>\$ (4,076,103)</u>	<u>\$ 1,983,150</u>	<u>\$ (2,018,688)</u>	<u>\$ (2,419,061)</u>	<u>\$ (220,119)</u>	<u>\$ 4,996,272</u>	<u>\$ 615,168</u>	<u>\$ 693,666</u>

Town of Marshfield, Massachusetts

Fund Balances, Governmental Funds

Last Ten Years

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
General Fund										
Restricted.....	\$ 4,009,469	\$ 1,972,217	\$ 1,711,494	\$ 1,012,618	\$ 2,092,385	\$ 1,217,406	\$ 1,011,283	\$ 830,528	\$ 668,628	\$ 527,753
Assigned.....	70,324	71,327	116,283	192,596	76,304	128,871	104,382	74,549	179,195	133,934
Unassigned.....	<u>5,374,592</u>	<u>4,407,290</u>	<u>7,195,117</u>	<u>8,951,690</u>	<u>9,801,862</u>	<u>12,292,234</u>	<u>13,434,514</u>	<u>12,628,164</u>	<u>13,269,966</u>	<u>13,887,425</u>
Total general fund.....	\$ <u>9,454,385</u>	\$ <u>6,450,834</u>	\$ <u>9,022,894</u>	\$ <u>10,156,904</u>	\$ <u>11,970,551</u>	\$ <u>13,638,511</u>	\$ <u>14,550,179</u>	\$ <u>13,533,241</u>	\$ <u>14,117,789</u>	\$ <u>14,549,112</u>
All Other Governmental Funds										
Nonspendable.....	\$ 1,242,967	\$ 1,258,385	\$ 1,270,028	\$ 1,255,091	\$ 1,255,220	\$ 1,214,831	\$ 1,213,963	\$ 1,301,958	\$ 1,246,722	\$ 1,245,221
Restricted.....	7,993,550	9,065,799	9,154,043	9,964,049	12,137,143	14,139,485	43,781,648	34,681,106	28,156,027	31,529,063
Committed.....	159,776	180,177	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unassigned.....	<u>(9,331,639)</u>	<u>(2,375,201)</u>	<u>(1,926,591)</u>	<u>(4,124,959)</u>	<u>(201,941)</u>	<u>(175,035)</u>	<u>(186,249)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total all other governmental funds....	\$ <u>64,654</u>	\$ <u>8,129,160</u>	\$ <u>8,497,480</u>	\$ <u>7,094,181</u>	\$ <u>13,190,422</u>	\$ <u>15,179,281</u>	\$ <u>44,809,362</u>	\$ <u>35,983,064</u>	\$ <u>29,402,749</u>	\$ <u>32,774,284</u>

Town of Marshfield, Massachusetts
Changes in Fund Balances, Governmental Funds

Last Ten Years

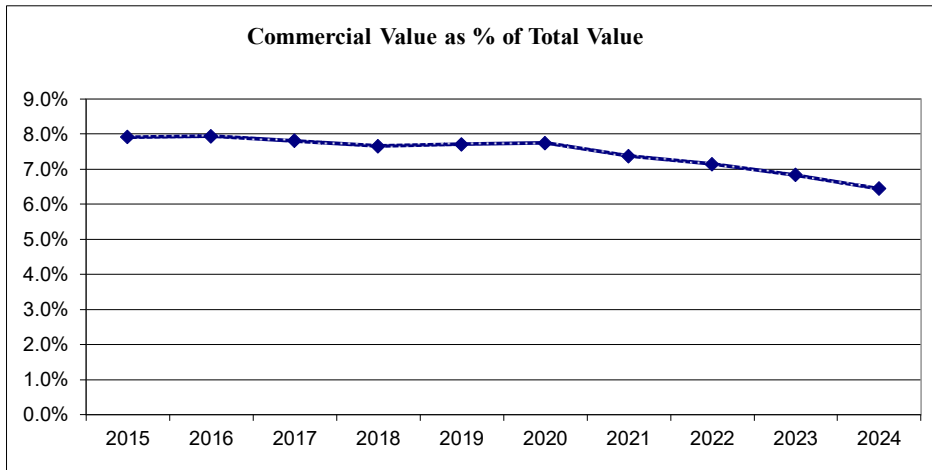
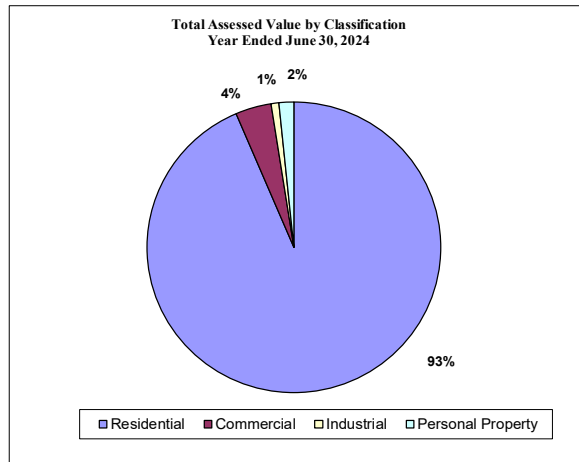
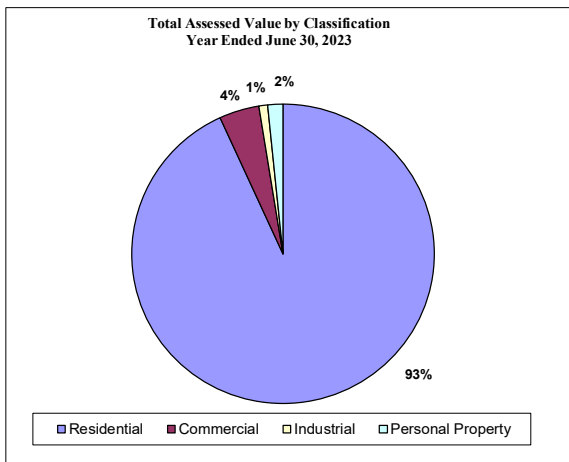
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Revenues:										
Real estate, personal property taxes and tax liens, net of tax refunds.....	\$ 57,119,299	\$ 59,326,154	\$ 64,087,970	\$ 65,459,187	\$ 67,277,325	\$ 69,260,133	\$ 72,387,143	\$ 76,075,281	\$ 77,466,625	\$ 80,631,120
Motor vehicle and other excise taxes.....	3,696,490	4,183,427	4,664,896	4,387,567	4,750,119	4,669,931	4,780,612	5,050,369	5,452,750	6,201,679
Charges for services.....	1,020,505	1,187,793	1,062,430	1,416,766	1,437,809	1,651,360	1,744,305	1,786,275	2,070,787	2,067,972
Penalties and interest on taxes.....	420,779	287,375	103,592	350,827	273,414	309,349	732,495	332,169	67,670	52,314
Payment in lieu of taxes.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	50,934	45,386
Intergovernmental - Teachers retirement.....	-	-	10,337,263	10,939,247	10,750,484	13,259,939	15,451,839	8,139,562	9,279,009	10,453,292
Intergovernmental.....	35,657,490	37,175,979	25,345,057	27,697,715	28,665,507	29,989,320	32,634,981	34,491,207	27,952,456	30,714,853
Departmental and other.....	4,733,977	4,780,456	5,184,030	5,384,065	5,967,318	5,885,316	4,835,729	5,846,352	9,859,745	10,234,560
Community preservation taxes.....	1,247,438	1,322,637	1,360,375	1,461,047	1,518,586	1,633,277	1,692,562	1,794,205	2,081,619	2,009,873
Contributions and donations.....	374,963	499,223	386,376	597,373	498,584	555,957	335,871	526,559	1,173,391	1,115,068
Investment income.....	100,625	90,134	230,714	349,657	888,153	779,609	668,740	132,759	1,332,493	2,199,833
Total Revenue.....	104,371,566	108,853,178	112,762,703	118,043,451	122,027,299	127,994,191	135,264,277	134,174,738	136,787,479	145,725,950
Expenditures:										
General government.....	3,929,987	5,670,487	3,413,533	4,888,296	4,839,488	7,560,732	9,232,178	8,232,328	6,384,350	8,536,041
Public safety.....	10,574,177	10,565,713	12,235,852	11,789,519	12,274,474	11,891,793	12,840,013	13,756,156	16,428,836	17,239,088
Education.....	54,041,317	53,148,961	61,486,121	52,212,660	53,895,239	55,919,492	57,762,554	61,454,214	62,515,835	66,071,183
Public works.....	3,766,645	2,511,755	1,857,974	3,727,859	2,718,349	1,094,766	1,984,509	2,906,889	3,684,198	4,403,838
Health and human services.....	1,112,263	1,064,789	1,084,256	1,209,892	1,290,755	1,237,983	1,260,752	1,519,577	1,626,599	1,701,647
Culture and recreation.....	1,216,994	1,290,301	1,236,280	1,514,915	1,573,580	1,584,551	1,449,062	1,531,071	2,111,039	1,844,210
Community preservation.....	217,358	1,999,610	407,658	383,622	204,885	1,198,300	241,677	202,958	403,352	109,990
Pension benefits.....	4,754,898	5,135,671	5,348,869	5,540,081	5,888,326	5,985,336	6,507,532	6,956,438	6,997,968	7,873,432
Pension benefits- Teachers retirement.....	-	-	-	10,939,247	10,750,484	13,259,939	15,451,839	8,139,562	9,279,009	10,453,292
Property and liability insurance.....	794,616	818,546	891,168	943,574	1,010,579	1,031,310	1,212,182	1,261,660	1,269,771	1,396,827
Employee benefits.....	6,242,353	6,337,382	7,304,968	7,236,601	7,535,001	7,364,030	7,566,454	7,865,784	8,431,365	8,258,328
State and county charges.....	853,696	746,141	687,633	738,182	884,449	836,950	1,058,884	1,166,201	1,346,593	1,315,689
Capital outlay.....	21,450,937	11,075,339	11,008,075	12,199,449	10,156,389	15,768,226	17,504,328	23,167,464	16,567,356	8,225,789
Debt service:										
Principal.....	5,508,444	6,900,734	6,635,632	6,702,884	7,324,419	6,833,545	7,232,446	6,254,293	6,261,649	5,882,344
Interest.....	2,589,674	2,930,395	2,831,804	2,361,706	2,941,403	2,728,654	3,249,910	3,777,080	2,966,251	3,193,033
Total Expenditures.....	117,053,359	110,195,824	116,429,823	122,388,487	123,287,820	134,295,607	144,554,320	148,191,675	146,274,171	146,504,731
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures.....	(12,681,793)	(1,342,646)	(3,667,120)	(4,345,036)	(1,260,521)	(6,301,416)	(9,290,043)	(14,016,937)	(9,486,692)	(778,781)
Other Financing Sources (Uses):										
Issuance of long-term debt.....	274,000	7,852,500	6,607,500	2,792,000	12,349,143	20,845,357	21,030,750	2,500,000	3,030,000	1,805,000
Premium from issuance of bonds.....	2,524,633	236,747	-	1,539,747	59,514	1,152,666	1,585,087	208,701	460,925	223,000
Transfers in.....	498,357	3,405,931	356,309	514,059	5,064,741	2,516,316	6,738,136	4,741,053	3,916,466	8,230,749
Transfers out.....	(300,407)	(5,091,577)	(356,309)	(770,059)	(5,019,741)	(2,119,691)	(5,420,136)	(3,276,053)	(3,916,466)	(5,677,110)
Total other financing sources (uses).....	2,996,583	6,403,601	6,607,500	4,075,747	12,453,657	22,394,648	23,933,837	4,173,701	3,490,925	4,581,639
Net change in fund balance.....	\$ (9,685,210)	\$ 5,060,955	\$ 2,940,380	\$ (269,289)	\$ 11,193,136	\$ 16,093,232	\$ 14,643,794	\$ (9,843,236)	\$ (5,995,767)	\$ 3,802,858
Debt service as a percentage of noncapital expenditures.....	8.47%	9.92%	8.98%	8.23%	9.07%	8.07%	8.25%	8.02%	7.11%	6.56%

Town of Marshfield, Massachusetts

Assessed Value and Actual Value of Taxable Property by Classification and Tax Rates

Last Ten Years

Year	Assessed and Actual Values and Tax Rates									
	Residential Value	Residential Tax Rate	Commercial Value	Industrial Value	Personal Property	Total Commercial Value	Commercial Tax Rate	Commercial % of Total Value	Total Direct Rate	Total Town Value
2015	\$3,977,151,911	\$13.29	\$223,566,744	\$47,060,900	\$71,090,968	\$341,718,612	\$13.29	7.9%	\$13.29	\$4,318,870,523
2016	4,031,604,809	13.88	224,476,879	48,437,200	74,746,291	347,660,370	13.88	7.9%	13.88	4,379,265,179
2017	4,218,292,026	13.72	227,304,272	49,318,100	80,548,370	357,170,742	13.72	7.8%	13.72	4,575,462,768
2018	4,478,816,791	13.37	239,448,762	51,322,700	80,718,490	371,489,952	13.37	7.7%	13.37	4,850,306,743
2019	4,614,957,213	13.38	249,288,305	56,720,400	79,584,170	385,592,875	13.38	7.7%	13.38	5,000,550,088
2020	4,779,759,376	13.33	259,946,610	57,480,700	84,029,850	401,457,160	13.33	7.7%	13.33	5,181,216,536
2021	5,078,845,929	13.19	257,721,205	55,547,300	91,196,980	404,465,485	13.19	7.4%	13.19	5,483,311,414
2022	5,455,525,859	12.95	262,141,383	56,794,500	100,633,340	419,569,223	12.95	7.1%	12.95	5,875,095,082
2023	6,464,562,794	11.32	296,217,613	64,696,400	113,110,100	474,024,113	11.32	6.8%	11.32	6,938,586,907
2024	7,275,575,615	10.39	307,219,792	66,085,500	127,872,368	501,177,660	10.39	6.4%	10.39	7,776,753,275



Source: Assessor's Department, Town of Marshfield and Official Statements.
 All property in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts is assessed at 100% of fair cash value.

Note: Chapter 59, Section 21C of the Massachusetts General Laws, known as "Proposition 2 1/2", imposes 2 separate limits on the annual tax levy of the Town. The primary limitation is that the tax levy cannot exceed 2 1/2 percent of the full and fair cash value. The secondary limitation is that the tax levy cannot exceed the maximum levy limit for the preceding year as determined by the State Commissioner of Revenue by more than 2 1/2 percent, subject to an exception for property added to the tax rolls and for certain substantial valuation increases other than as part of a general revaluation. The secondary limit may be exceeded in any year by a majority vote of the voters, however it cannot exceed the primary limitation.

Town of Marshfield, Massachusetts

Principal Taxpayers

Current Year and Nine Years Ago

Name	Nature of Business	2024			2015		
		Assessed Valuation	Rank	Percentage of Total Taxable Assessed Value	Assessed Valuation	Rank	Percentage of Total Taxable Assessed Value
TA Marshfield Apartments LLC	Apartment Complex	\$ 81,511,700	1	1.05%	-		
NSTAR	Utility	55,905,370	2	0.72%	\$ 21,751,460	3	0.50%
BMSH II Marshfield MA LLC (formerly SHI Marshfield LLC)	Assisted Living	49,232,600	3	0.63%	44,256,500	1	1.02%
Bridge WF II MA Village	Apartment Complex	39,668,400	4	0.51%	-		
Eversource Gas Company of MA	Utility	35,750,210	5	0.46%	-		
Brixmore Webster Square LLC	Shopping Plaza	22,807,000	6	0.29%	-		
Verizon New England Inc.	Utility	16,784,400	7	0.22%	15,245,800	5	0.35%
Beacon Shores LTD PRTNSHP	Apartment Complex 55+	15,086,400	8	0.19%	13,547,800	7	0.31%
Mariners Hill Limited Partnership	Apartment Complex	12,002,000	9	0.15%	8,023,500	9	0.19%
OMDB Realty LLC	Shopping Plaza	11,535,300	10	0.15%	9,089,100	8	0.21%
Home Properties Marshfield LP	Apartment Complex	-			24,738,300	2	0.57%
Curtlo, LLC	Shopping Plaza	-			18,366,800	4	0.43%
Columbia Gas of MA	Utility	-			14,791,130	6	0.34%
VRT	Commercial Property	-			7,400,300	10	0.17%
	Totals	<u>\$ 340,283,380</u>		<u>4.38%</u>	<u>\$ 177,210,690</u>		<u>4.10%</u>

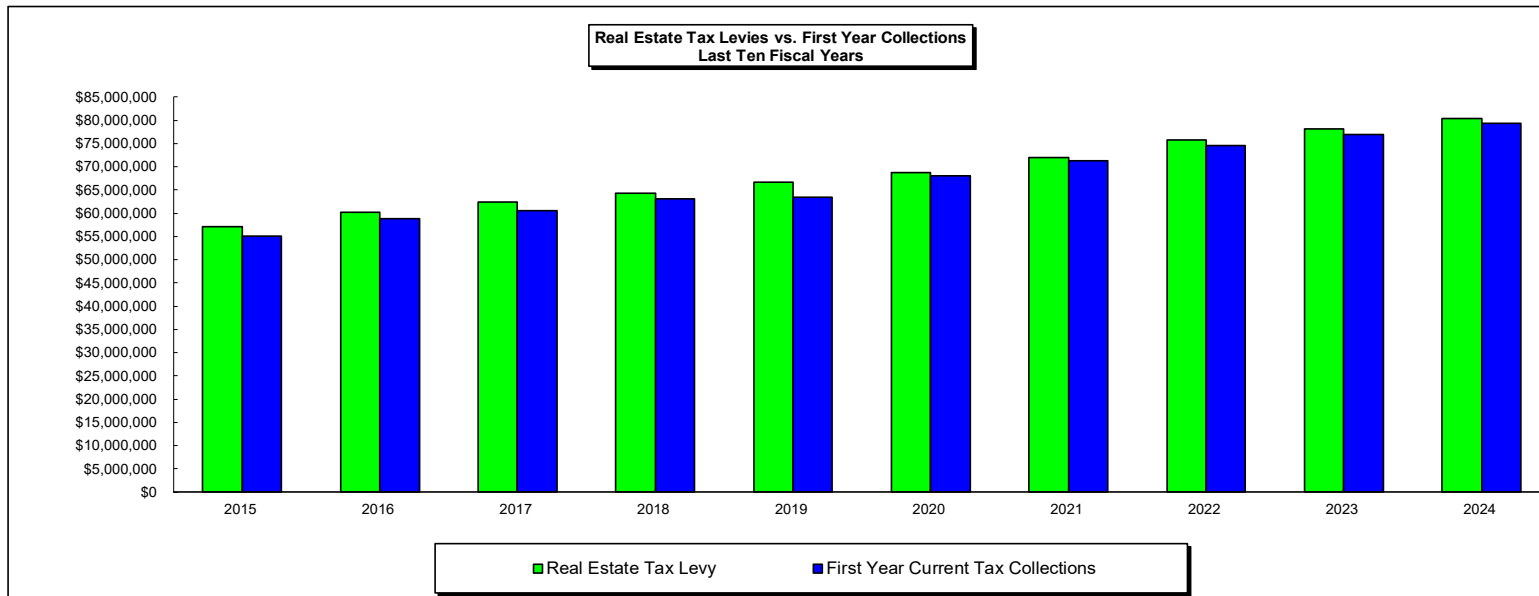
Source: Official Statements, Town of Marshfield

Town of Marshfield, Massachusetts

Property Tax Levies and Collections

Last Ten Years

Year	Total Tax Levy	Less Abatements & Exemptions	Net Tax Levy	Net as Percent of Total	First Year Current Tax Collections	Percent of Net Levy Collected	Delinquent Tax Collections	Total Tax Collections	Percent of Total Tax Collections to Net Tax Levy
2015	\$57,397,789	\$337,927	\$57,059,862	99.41%	\$54,994,597	96.38%	\$623,689	\$55,618,286	97.47%
2016	60,784,201	564,819	60,219,382	99.07%	58,894,554	97.80%	670,589	59,565,143	98.91%
2017	62,775,349	400,613	62,374,736	99.36%	60,528,056	97.04%	832,939	61,360,995	98.37%
2018	64,848,601	500,272	64,348,329	99.23%	63,016,716	97.93%	1,302,885	64,319,601	99.96%
2019	66,943,654	312,820	66,630,834	99.53%	63,473,759	95.26%	1,098,552	64,572,311	96.91%
2020	69,087,497	293,454	68,794,043	99.58%	68,093,290	98.98%	582,866	68,676,156	99.83%
2021	72,324,878	367,503	71,957,375	99.49%	71,224,352	98.98%	245,699	71,470,051	99.32%
2022	76,082,481	374,239	75,708,242	99.51%	74,587,228	98.52%	972,724	75,559,952	99.80%
2023	78,544,804	344,916	78,199,888	99.56%	76,966,067	98.42%	605,117	77,571,184	99.20%
2024	80,800,467	438,945	80,361,522	99.46%	79,304,703	98.68%	-	79,304,703	98.68%



Source: Assessor's Department and Official Statements, Town of Marshfield

Town of Marshfield, Massachusetts

Ratios of Outstanding Debt by Type

Last Ten Years

Year	Governmental Activities		Business-Type Activities		Total Debt Outstanding	Personal Income	Percentage of Personal Income	U. S. Census Population	Debt Per Capita
	General Obligation Bonds(1)	Direct Borrowings	General Obligation Bonds(1)	Direct Borrowings					
2015	\$ 76,863,100	\$ 1,805,470	\$ 6,914,770	\$ 9,055,937	\$ 94,639,277	\$ 1,179,224,391	6.67%	25,509	\$ 3,013
2016	77,443,285	1,564,374	8,874,268	8,361,954	96,243,881	1,224,034,918	6.45%	25,430	3,045
2017	77,043,604	1,415,574	9,080,742	7,648,135	95,188,055	1,270,548,245	6.18%	25,909	2,974
2018	74,359,953	1,190,971	8,243,812	6,917,161	90,711,897	1,318,829,078	5.73%	25,709	2,892
2019	78,902,844	960,664	9,321,656	6,168,997	95,354,161	1,368,944,583	5.83%	26,032	3,031
2020	93,619,782	722,654	10,407,110	5,400,461	110,150,007	1,420,964,477	6.64%	27,507	3,403
2021	108,669,628	120,000	13,539,155	3,207,163	125,535,946	1,474,961,128	7.66%	26,125	4,160
2022	104,163,976	325,320	13,271,119	3,954,233	121,714,648	1,531,009,651	6.80%	25,825	4,033
2023	100,918,582	120,000	13,465,717	3,207,163	117,711,462	1,589,188,018	6.35%	25,956	3,888
2024	96,368,032	110,000	12,650,164	2,743,486	111,871,682	1,649,577,162	5.84%	25,765	3,740

(1) This is the general bonded debt of both governmental and business-type activities, net of original issuance discounts and premiums.

Source: Audited Financial Statements, U. S. Census

Town of Marshfield, Massachusetts

Ratios of Outstanding Debt and General Bonded Debt

Last Ten Years

Year	General Obligation Bonds(1)	Percentage of Assessed Value	U. S. Census Population	Debt Per Capita
2015	\$ 83,777,870	1.94%	25,509	\$ 3,284
2016	86,317,553	1.97%	25,430	3,394
2017	86,124,346	1.88%	25,909	3,324
2018	82,603,765	1.70%	25,709	3,213
2019	88,224,500	1.76%	26,032	3,389
2020	104,026,892	2.01%	27,507	3,782
2021	122,208,783	2.23%	26,125	4,678
2022	117,435,095	2.00%	25,825	4,547
2023	114,384,299	1.65%	25,956	4,407
2024	109,018,196	1.40%	25,765	4,231

(1) This is the general bonded debt of both governmental and business-type activities, net of original issuance discounts and premiums.

Source: Audited Financial Statements, U. S. Census

Town of Marshfield, Massachusetts

Direct and Overlapping Governmental Activities Debt

As of June 30, 2024

	Debt Outstanding	Estimated Percentage Applicable	Estimated Share of Overlapping Debt
Debt repaid with property taxes:			
Plymouth County.....	\$ -	n/a	\$ -
Town Debt:			
General obligations bonds payable.....			96,368,032
Direct borrowings payable.....			110,000
Total direct and overlapping debt.....			\$ 96,478,032

Note: Overlapping governments are those that coincide, at least in part, with geographic boundaries of the Town. This schedule estimates the portion of the outstanding debt of those overlapping governments that is borne by the taxpayers of the Town. This process recognizes that, when considering the Town's ability to issue and repay long-term debt, the entire debt burden borne by the property taxpayers should be taken into account. However, this does not imply that every taxpayer is a resident, and therefore responsible for repaying the debt, of each overlapping government.

As of June 30, 2024 Plymouth County had no outstanding debt.

Source: Plymouth County Treasurer

Town of Marshfield, Massachusetts

Computation of Legal Debt Margin

Last Ten Years

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Equalized Valuation.....	\$ 4,400,432,600	\$ 4,400,432,600	\$ 4,661,838,100	\$ 4,661,838,100	\$ 5,107,817,200	\$ 5,107,817,200	\$ 5,504,694,400	\$ 5,504,694,400	\$ 6,249,685,700	\$ 6,249,685,700
Debt Limit - 5% of Equalized Valuation.....	\$ 220,021,630	\$ 220,021,630	\$ 233,091,905	\$ 233,091,905	\$ 255,390,860	\$ 255,390,860	\$ 275,234,720	\$ 275,234,720	\$ 312,484,285	\$ 312,484,285
Less:										
Outstanding debt applicable to limit.....	78,668,570	23,371,516	27,274,279	29,135,325	27,728,658	49,521,745	72,981,580	70,927,655	73,116,826	70,758,486
Authorized and unissued debt.....	57,694,273	57,233,773	57,652,536	12,126,072	9,117,497	32,702,496	11,702,746	11,998,292	18,342,115	17,447,831
Legal debt margin.....	\$ 83,658,787	\$ 139,416,341	\$ 148,165,090	\$ 191,830,508	\$ 218,544,705	\$ 173,166,619	\$ 190,550,394	\$ 192,308,773	\$ 221,025,344	\$ 224,277,968
Total debt applicable to the limit as a percentage of the limit.....	61.98%	36.64%	36.43%	17.70%	14.43%	32.20%	30.77%	30.13%	29.27%	28.23%

Source: Treasurer's Department, Town of Marshfield

Town of Marshfield, Massachusetts
Demographic and Economic Statistics
Last Ten Years

Year	Population Estimates	Personal Income	Per Capita Personal Income	Median Age	School Enrollment	Unemployment Rate
2015	25,509	\$ 1,104,310,119	\$ 43,291	44	4,772	6.30%
2016	25,430	1,060,863,310	41,717	43	4,332	4.20%
2017	25,909	1,060,377,643	40,927	44	4,250	4.00%
2018	25,709	1,036,278,372	40,308	45	4,159	4.60%
2019	26,032	1,203,329,200	46,225	45	4,177	4.00%
2020	27,507	1,292,219,995	46,978	44	4,100	4.00%
2021	26,125	1,242,875,000	47,978	42	3,747	5.90%
2022	25,825	1,263,204,050	48,914	45	3,667	5.50%
2023	25,956	1,387,919,232	53,472	46	3,599	3.40%
2024	25,765	1,491,020,550	57,870	44	3,637	3.20%

Source: U. S. Census, Division of Local Services
Median age is based on most recent census data

Town of Marshfield, Massachusetts

Principal Employers

Current Year and Nine Years Ago

Employer	Nature of Business	2024			2015		
		Employees	Rank	Percentage of Total Town Employment	Employees	Rank	Percentage of Total Town Employment
Town of Marshfield	Municipal Government	1,109	1	7.42%	1,030	1	7.74%
Road to Responsibility	Retail & Service	472	2	3.16%	472	2	3.55%
Roche Brothers	Supermarket	286	3	1.91%	286	3	2.15%
Star Market	Supermarket	163	4	1.09%	163	4	1.23%
Winslow Woods	Assisted Living Facility	106	5	0.71%	106	5	0.80%
Marshfield Country Club	Golf Course	96	6	0.64%	96	6	0.72%
Kirwin Surgical	Manufacturer	92	7	0.62%	93	7	0.70%
Cask and Flagon	Restaurant	80	8	0.54%	80	8	0.60%
Mia Regazza	Restaurant	60	9	0.40%	-	-	-
Marshall's	Retail	48	10	0.32%	-	-	-
Marshfield Tavern	Restaurant & Inn	-	-	-	76	9	0.57%
Fairview Inn	Restaurant & Inn	-	-	-	70	10	0.53%
		<u>2,512</u>		<u>16.80%</u>	<u>2,472</u>		<u>18.58%</u>

Source: Town records and various Town departments.

Town of Marshfield, Massachusetts

Full-Time Equivalent Town Employees by Function

Last Ten Years

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
Function										
General government.....	29	29	31	30	27	35	42	32	31	36
Police.....	44	45	42	46	62	46	60	49	49	49
Fire.....	54	51	51	50	59	54	51	51	51	51
Education.....	731	793	744	781	781	696	658	661	660	698
Water.....	23	28	20	20	24	22	19	19	21	18
Sewer.....	15	21	21	13	8	12	12	12	14	10
Solid waste.....	7	10	7	10	13	7	7	8	8	7
Public works.....	38	45	39	40	46	40	35	36	37	37
Human services.....	8	9	8	8	7	2	24	10	10	10
Culture and recreation.....	6	8	8	6	8	8	24	8	12	15
Total.....	<u>955</u>	<u>1,039</u>	<u>971</u>	<u>1,004</u>	<u>1,035</u>	<u>922</u>	<u>932</u>	<u>886</u>	<u>893</u>	<u>931</u>

Source: Town personnel records and various Town departments.

Town of Marshfield, Massachusetts

Operating Indicators by Function/Program

Last Ten Years

<u>Function/Program</u>	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
General Government										
Population.....	25,509	25,436	24,892	24,100	25,408	25,636	25,590	26,879	25,963	25,765
Registered voters, annual town election.....	18,234	19,636	19,645	19,572	20,003	20,613	21,188	21,505	21,441	21,826
Town Clerk										
Births.....	196	180	182	198	212	202	221	234	202	236
Marriages.....	120	232	92	100	96	98	254	78	99	89
Deaths.....	180	90	214	219	219	263	110	248	248	267
Police										
Accidents covered by an officer.....	423	449	358	374	296	312	312	342	311	334
Citations issued.....	1,022	823	727	526	375	334	345	312	398	292
Arrests.....	685	449	573	533	356	402	376	402	369	337
Larcenies.....	43	194	151	132	67	79	58	49	57	59
Fire										
Rescue assist.....	317	707	756	756	804	865	1,511	527	376	788
False alarm.....	5	474	502	502	471	525	232	573	500	371
Public assist.....	280	286	365	365	412	457	72	415	478	509
Emergency responses/ambulance.....	2,384	2,714	2,900	2,900	2,947	3,470	3,257	3,357	3,160	3,142
Building Department										
Residential building permits issued.....	N/A	991	1,300	818	417	1,133	1,430	1,350	1,340	1,225
Non-Residential building permits issued.....	N/A	50	102	48	25	73	67	81	89	97
Education										
Public school enrollment.....	4,772	4,332	4,250	4,159	3,986	4,078	3,708	3,667	3,792	3,637
Public Works										
Cemetery										
Lots sold.....	58	61	100	101	56	45	70	100	45	61
Interments.....	87	67	108	125	79	93	73	89	108	97
Water										
Service connections.....	10,402	10,026	10,500	10,640	10,681	11,000	10,797	10,808	10,809	10,708
Consumption in billions of gallons.....	872	965	897	958	949	982	1,001	960	995	977
Daily consumption in millions of gallons....	2.4	2.6	2.5	2.6	3	3	3	3	2.73	2.67
Sewer										
Service connections.....	N/A	4,403	4,298	3,996	4,002	4,326	4,329	4,330	4,521	4,600
Daily average collection (MGD).....	N/A	1,018	1.08	1.16	1.30	1.31	1.81	1.36	1.23	1.37
Highway										
Miles of public road.....	170	170	243	147	135	134	132	132	132	132
Human Services										
Board of Health										
Permits issued.....	N/A	734	732	732	789	810	632	548	651	595
Variances.....	N/A	23	32	32	45	26	16	44	28	27
Council on Aging										
Home delivered meals.....	13,275	13,771	12,072	13,494	13,494	16,741	19,270	16,119	13,081	12,957
Transportation.....	11,932	11,863	11,546	13,603	13,603	15,128	2,816	4,852	5,331	6,536
Volunteer service hours.....	33,982	36,010	39,380	39,607	39,607	39,607	11,750	16,390	20,106	20,555
Fitness/exercise program participants.....	9,432	9,538	9,904	11,960	11,960	9,495	2,962	10,128	21,685	25,788
Recreation/social event participants.....	28,390	34,093	36,789	15,155	15,155	9,820	1,179	8,912	12,626	14,494
Libraries										
Volumes in collection.....	N/A	98,239	69,325	98,214	67,162	90,718	91,257	186,455	195,715	202,404
Circulation.....	207,727	208,824	202,151	207,223	155,127	160,780	143,188	228,094	226,406	218,802
Program attendance.....	7,140	6,491	7,995	8,653	12,096	8,976	1,342	3,619	9,367	11,177

Source: Various Town Departments
 N/A - This information was not available for 2015.

Town of Marshfield, Massachusetts

Capital Asset Statistics by Function/Program

Last Ten Years

<u>Function/Program</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
Airport.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
General Government										
Number of buildings.....	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Police										
Number of stations.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Fire										
Number of stations.....	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Number of vehicles.....	14	14	19	18	18	18	18	18	18	18
Education										
Number of elementary schools.....	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Number of middle schools.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Number of high schools.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Public Works										
Water mains (miles).....	201	201	206	205	205	205	205	205	205	205
Fire hydrants.....	1,399	1,399	1,436	1,436	1,436	1,436	1,436	1,436	1,436	1,436
Sanitary sewers (miles).....	41	41	50	40	43	43	43	43	43	43
Number of wells.....	17	17	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16
Number of water storage tanks.....	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Number of pump stations.....	16	16	16	23	23	23	23	23	23	23
Human Services										
Senior center.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Culture and Recreation										
Recreation building.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Library.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

Source: Various Town Departments

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with Government Auditing Standards

Independent Auditors' Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*

To the Honorable Select Board
Town of Marshfield, Massachusetts

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (“GAAS”) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (“*Government Auditing Standards*”), the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Marshfield, Massachusetts (the “Town”), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town’s basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated March 27, 2025.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Town’s internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town’s internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town’s internal control.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the Town’s financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or, significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses and significant deficiencies may exist that have not been identified.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Town's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Town's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

CBIZ CPAs P.C.

Boston, MA
March 27, 2025