Town-Wide Budget Process for All Operating Budgets

Step 1

Step 2

Step 3

Step 4

Guidance to Town Administrator / **Fiscal Forecast**

Lead: Selectmen

Support: Town Admin

Start: Sept 20th

Finish: Nov 1st

Preparation of Preliminary Department Budget

Lead: Town Admin.

Support: Dept. Heads

Start: Oct 4th

Finish: Dec 20th

Preliminary Budget Review of **Stakeholders**

Lead: Fin Com

Support: Dept. Heads

Start: Dec 20th

Finish: Feb 28th

Proposed Budget Finalized

Lead: Selectmen

Support: Town Admin

Start: Feb 28th

Finish: Mar 7th

Draft Budget Policy Report

- Incorporate BOS Fiscal Guidelines. Goals & Objectives
- Forecast projected **Funds Available**
- Establish town/ school budget allocations based on projected revenues

Set Town / School **Department Budgets**

- School Completes **District Budget**
- Review department requests and TA recommends draft balance budget based on forecast then disseminate per by-law requirements.

Review & Advise

- Recommended budget presented to Finance Committee.
- □School District Presents their final budget to Finance Committee.
- ■Draft/Review Warrant Articles

Prepare Finalized Budget

- Review Recommendations
- □ Finalize Proposed Budget
- □ Finalize Warrant Articles for Annual Town Meeting, Tuesday April 11, 2017.

Final - October 4, 2016

Capital Outlay Process for items valued at over \$10,000

Step 1

Step 2

Step 3

Step 4

Development of 10+ Year Department Capital Needs

Lead: Dept. Heads
Support: Dept. Staff

Start: Sept 20th

Finish: Nov 1st

Create Proposed Balance Town-Wide Capital Budget Plan

Lead: Town Admin.

Support: Dept. Heads

Start: Oct 4th

Finish: Dec 6th

Review by Stakeholders of Proposed Plan

Lead: Capital Outlay

Support: Dept. Heads

Start: Dec 6th

Finish: Feb 7th

Finalized Capital
Outlay Warrant
Articles and Budget

Lead: Selectmen

Support: Cap. Outlay

Start: Feb 7th

Finish: Mar 7th

Dept. Preparation of 10+ YR Capital Needs

- Inventory and operational status of all Capital Equipment in Dept.
- Develop prioritized needs, justification for, and purpose
- Complete Forms

Develop Proposed Town-Wide Cap. Plan

□ Create Town-Wide priority based 10+Yr Capital Plan that is balanced based on forecast in consultation with department heads / superintendent.

Detailed Review of Proposed Cap. Plan

- Interview and conduct site investigation for department request
- Modify Proposed Cap. Plan as determined by Committee.

Finalized Budget

- □ Presentation by Capital Outlay Committee to BoS & Finance Committee
- □ Finalize Proposed Capital Budget and Warrant Articles in conjunction w/Cap. Outlay & FinCom