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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Honorable Select Board
Town of Marion, Massachusetts

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Marion, Massachusetts, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town of Marion, Massachusetts's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes 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.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements 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 entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Opinions

In our opinion, the 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 of Marion, Massachusetts, as of June 30, 2021, 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.

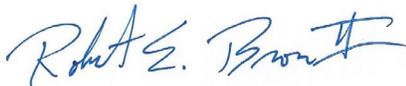
Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, and Plymouth County Retirement Association schedules - Town's proportionate share of the net pension liability, and Town's contribution, Massachusetts Teachers Retirement System's schedule of the Commonwealth's Collective amounts of the Net Pension Liability, Other Post-Employment Benefit schedules - Town's Net OPEB Liability and Related Ratios, Town's contribution, and investment return, and notes to required supplementary information on pages 3 – 14, 75 – 76, 77, 78 – 80 and 81 - 82 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, 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 auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, 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.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated May 9, 2022, on our consideration of the Town of Marion, Massachusetts'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 of Marion, Massachusetts'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 of Marion, Massachusetts's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



Certified Public Accountant

May 9, 2022

Management’s Discussion and Analysis

As management of the Town of Marion (the Town), we offer readers of the Town’s financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the Town for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021. We encourage readers to consider this information in addition to the statements and notes.

The Town complies with financial reporting requirements issued by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB). GASB is the authoritative standard setting body that provides guidance on how to prepare financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (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 can assess the financial condition of one government compared to others.

Financial Highlights

The combined total net position of the Town exceeded the combined total liabilities by \$42.29 million, an increase of \$4.63 million or 12.29% more than the combined net position for the previous fiscal year. A total of \$33.46 million or 79.11% of this sum represents the Town’s net investment in capital assets. A total of \$9.14 million or 21.61% is legally reserved or designated for specific future uses by the Town. A total of -\$0.31 million or -0.72% is unrestricted.

Total net position increased by \$4.63 million. Governmental activities’ net position increased by \$3.03 million, while net position for business-type activities increased by \$1.60 million.

Total revenue for the year for all funds was \$37.69 million - \$3.40 million or 9.91% more than the total revenue for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020.

	Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021	%	Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2020	%
	Total	Total	Total	Total
Property taxes	\$ 20,426,836	54.20%	\$ 20,671,351	60.29%
Motor vehicle & other excise	938,272	2.49%	907,310	2.65%
Penalties and interest	-	0.00%	130,724	0.38%
Charges for services	9,652,402	25.61%	7,850,756	22.90%
Operating grants and contributions	5,585,064	14.82%	3,705,547	10.81%
Capital grants and contributions	50,000	0.13%	-	0.00%
Nonrestricted grants and contributions	755,854	2.01%	733,369	2.14%
Unrestricted investment income	210,575	0.56%	208,182	0.61%
Other revenue	66,079	0.18%	79,807	0.23%
Total revenues	<u>\$ 37,685,082</u>	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>\$ 34,287,046</u>	<u>100.00%</u>

Total expenses for the year for all funds was \$33.47 million - \$1.52 million or 4.76% more than the total expenditures for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020.

	Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021		Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2020	
		% Total		% Total
General government	\$ 3,209,594	9.59%	\$ 3,017,103	9.44%
Public safety	5,051,106	15.09%	4,072,785	12.75%
Education	12,411,924	37.09%	11,988,090	37.52%
Public works	2,498,598	7.47%	1,935,593	6.06%
Human services	403,044	1.20%	576,130	1.80%
Culture and recreation	512,445	1.53%	622,080	1.95%
Employee benefits	4,355,925	13.02%	4,815,769	15.07%
State and county assessments	105,803	0.32%	82,454	0.26%
Interest	100,981	0.30%	89,134	0.28%
Water Enterprise	1,868,816	5.58%	1,592,647	4.99%
Sewer Enterprise	2,949,834	8.81%	3,156,055	9.88%
	<u>\$ 33,468,070</u>	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>\$ 31,947,840</u>	<u>100.00%</u>

Overview of the Financial Statements

This discussion and analysis are intended to serve as an introduction to the Town of Marion's basic financial statements. The Town of Marion's basic financial statements comprise three components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the financial statements.

The government-wide financial statements provide both short-term and long-term information about the Town. The fund financial statements focus on the individual parts of the Town government, reporting the operations in more detail than the government-wide statements. Both presentations (government-wide and fund financial statements) allow the user to address relevant questions, broaden the basis of comparison, and improve the Town's accountability.

Government-Wide Financial Statements

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

Statement of Net Position – Presents all of the government's assets and liabilities, with the difference being reported as "net position". The amount of net position is widely considered a good measure of the Town's financial health. Over time increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position is improving or deteriorating. The reader should also consider other non-financial factors, such as the condition of the Town's infrastructure and changes in the property tax base, to assess the overall health of the Town.

Statement of Activities – Presents information showing how the Town's net position changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of the cash flows.

Thus, revenues and expenses are reported for some items that will not result in cash flows until future fiscal periods (i.e. uncollected taxes and earned but unused vacation leave).

In the government-wide statements, financial information is presented in two columns in order to summarize the Town's programs or activities. The types of activities presented are as follows:

Governmental Activities – Taxes and intergovernmental revenues primarily support the functions of the government and are reported in this section. Most of the Town's basic services are reported here including general government, public safety, education, public works, human services, culture and recreation, debt service, state and county assessments, and employee benefits.

Business-Type Activities – These functions are normally intended to recover all or a significant portion of their costs through user fees and charges to external users of goods and services. The Water and Sewer operations are considered business-type activities.

Fund Financial Statements

Traditional readers of government financial statements will find the fund financial statement presentation to be most familiar. 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 of Marion, like most other local governments, uses a fund accounting system 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 – Most of the basic services provided by the Town are financed through 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 funds financial 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 fiscal year. This information is useful in evaluating the Town's near-term financing requirements. This approach reflects the modified accrual basis of accounting, which uses the flow of current financial resources measurement focus. Such statements provide a detailed short-term view of the Town's finances that assist in determining whether there will be adequate financial resources available to meet current needs.

Because the focus of governmental funds financial statements 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. This comparison will assist the reader in understanding the long-term impact of the government's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental funds balance sheet and the governmental funds statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate the comparison between governmental funds and governmental activities.

The Town maintains one (1) major governmental fund that is presented separately in the governmental funds financial statements. The remaining non-major funds are combined into a single, aggregated presentation.

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

Proprietary Funds – Provides services for which the Town charges customers a fee and operates similar to a commercial business. The proprietary funds financial statements provide the same type of information as in the government-wide financial statements, only in more detail. Like the government-wide financial statements, proprietary funds financial statements use the full accrual basis of accounting. There is no reconciliation needed between the government-wide financial statements and the proprietary funds financial statements.

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

Notes to Basic 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

Statement of Net Position

Net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. The Town's total net position as of June 30, 2021 were \$42.29 million, of which the governmental activities were \$22.94 million and the business-type activities were \$19.35 million.

The largest portion of the Town's net position (79.11%) reflects its investment in capital assets (land, land conservation, land improvements, construction and improvements, machinery and equipment, vehicles, infrastructure, and construction in progress); less any related debt used to acquire those assets, that remains outstanding. The Town uses these capital assets to provide services to citizens; therefore, these assets are not available for future spending. It is important to note that other resources are needed to repay the debt because the capital assets cannot be used to finance these liabilities.

A modest amount of the Town's net position (21.61%) are subject to external restrictions on how they may be used. The remaining balance of unrestricted net position (-0.72%).

Total current assets within the governmental activities were \$19.37 million and included cash & investments of \$17.21 million and receivables net of allowances of \$2.16 million. Total current liabilities within the governmental activities were \$2.89 million and included accounts payable of \$1.75 million, other liabilities of \$0.50 million, bonds and notes payable of \$0.46 million, and compensated absences of \$0.14 million. Noncurrent liabilities within the governmental activities included \$7.60 million of net pension liability, \$8.87 million of postemployment benefits, \$2.25 million of general obligation bonds payable, \$0.83 million of compensated absences, and \$0.50 million for landfill postclosure care costs.

Total current assets within the business-type activities were \$10.07 million and included cash & investments of \$7.47 million and receivables net of allowances of \$2.60 million. Current liabilities within the business-type activities were \$8.05 million and included accounts payable of \$0.74 million, accrued interest payable of \$0.20 million, and bonds and notes payable of \$7.09 million. Noncurrent liabilities within the business-type activities included \$25.09 million of general obligation bonds payable, \$1.14 million of net pension liability, \$0.20 million of postemployment benefits, and \$0.14 million of compensated absences.

Town of Marion - Condensed Statement of Net Position

	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Total Primary Government	
	FY 2021	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2020
Assets:						
Current assets	\$ 19,371,576	\$ 17,312,206	\$ 10,065,874	\$ 11,082,165	\$ 29,437,450	\$ 28,394,371
Noncurrent assets (excluding capital)	-	-	3,028,954	3,221,526	3,028,954	3,221,526
Capital assets	25,740,918	25,238,152	40,844,505	33,608,496	66,585,423	58,846,648
Total assets	45,112,494	42,550,358	53,939,333	47,912,187	99,051,827	90,462,545
Deferred Outflows of Resources:	3,038,398	3,823,456	188,392	236,203	3,226,790	4,059,659
Liabilities:						
Current liabilities (excluding debt)	2,433,710	2,726,494	961,236	1,046,543	3,394,946	3,773,037
Noncurrent liabilities (excluding debt)	17,799,260	19,050,629	1,480,382	1,626,043	19,279,642	20,676,672
Current debt	454,781	462,381	7,093,395	7,997,479	7,548,176	8,459,860
Noncurrent debt	2,252,145	2,706,926	25,087,404	19,652,610	27,339,549	22,359,536
Total liabilities	22,939,896	24,946,430	34,622,417	30,322,675	57,562,313	55,269,105
Deferred Inflows of Resources:	2,271,302	1,519,913	150,433	67,196	2,421,735	1,587,109
Net Position:						
Net investment in capital assets	23,063,127	22,097,980	10,395,576	7,978,876	33,458,703	30,076,856
Restricted	9,141,736	8,351,793	-	-	9,141,736	8,351,793
Unrestricted	(9,265,169)	(10,542,302)	8,959,299	9,779,643	(305,870)	(762,659)
Total net position	\$ 22,939,694	\$ 19,907,471	\$ 19,354,875	\$ 17,758,519	\$ 42,294,569	\$ 37,665,990

Governmental Activities

Governmental activities current assets increased by \$2,059,370 or 11.90% as compared with FY2020.

Governmental activities current liabilities decreased by -\$300,384 or -9.42%. Governmental activities noncurrent liabilities decreased by \$1,706,150 or -7.84%.

Governmental activities total net position increased \$3,032,223 or 15.23% as compared with the prior year.

Business-type Activities

Business-type activities current assets decreased by -\$1,016,291 or -9.17% as compared with FY2020.

Business-type activities current liabilities decreased by -\$989,391 or -10.94%. Business-type noncurrent liabilities increased by \$5,289,133 or 24.86%.

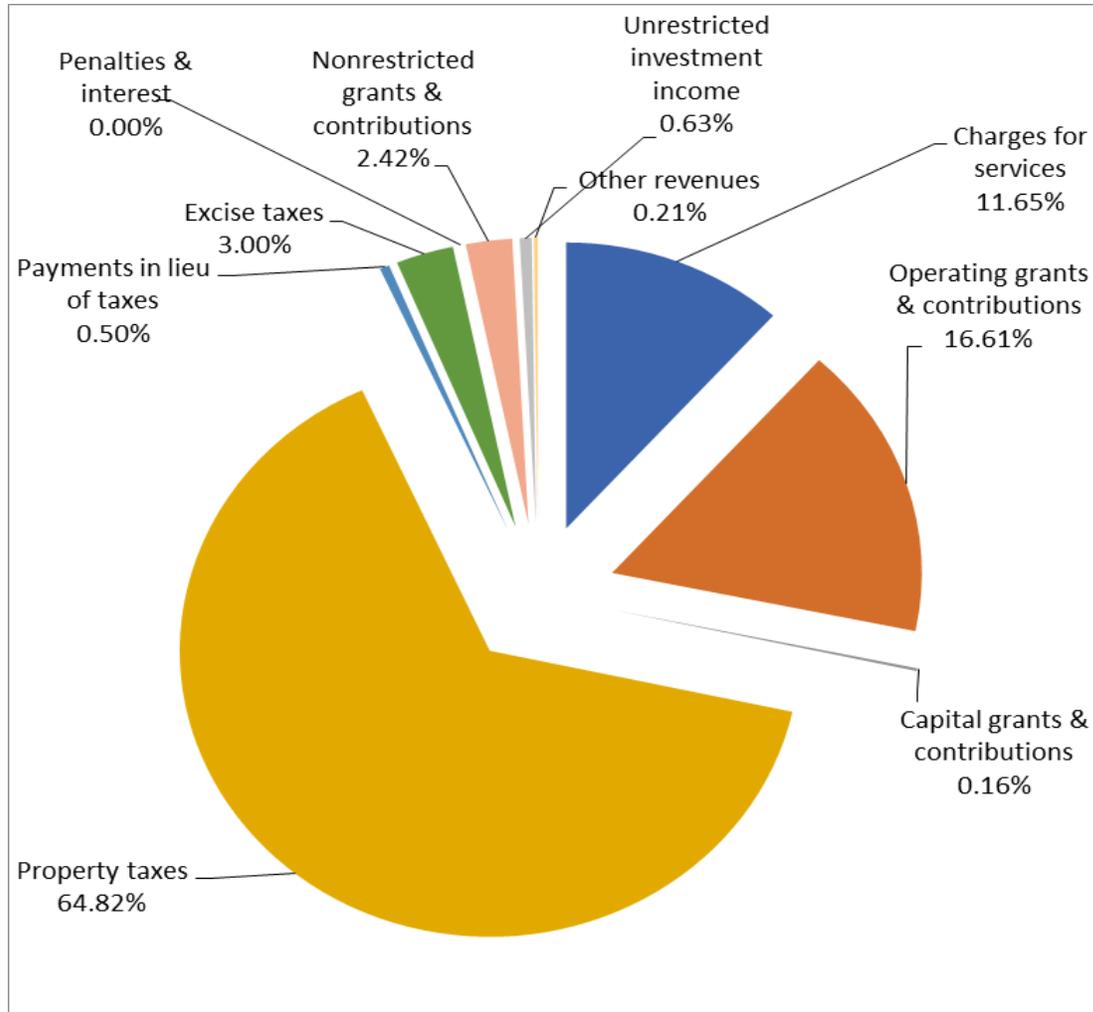
Business-type activities total net position increased by \$1,596,356 or 8.99% as compared with the prior year.

Governmental activities net position increased by \$3,032,223. Business-type activities net position increased by \$1,596,356. Presented below are the components that contributed to the change in net position, along with comparative data for the previous fiscal year:

Town of Marion - Condensed Statement of Activities

	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Total Primary Government	
	FY 2021	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2020
Revenues						
<i>Program Revenues:</i>						
Charges for services	\$ 3,642,446	\$ 2,748,766	\$ 6,009,956	\$ 5,101,990	\$ 9,652,402	\$ 7,850,756
Operating grants and contributions	5,195,129	3,560,144	389,935	145,403	5,585,064	3,705,547
Capital grants and contributions	50,000	-	-	-	50,000	-
<i>General Revenues:</i>						
Real Estate and personal property taxes	20,426,836	20,671,351	-	-	20,426,836	20,671,351
Motor vehicle and other excise taxes	938,272	907,310	-	-	938,272	907,310
Penalties and interest on taxes	-	130,724	-	-	-	130,724
Nonrestricted grants and contributions	755,854	733,369	-	-	755,854	733,369
Unrestricted investment income	195,460	193,494	15,115	14,688	210,575	208,182
Other Revenue	66,079	79,807	-	-	66,079	79,807.00
Total Revenues	<u>31,270,076</u>	<u>29,024,965</u>	<u>6,415,006</u>	<u>5,262,081</u>	<u>37,685,082</u>	<u>34,287,046</u>
Expenses:						
General Government	3,209,594	3,017,103	-	-	3,209,594	3,017,103
Public Safety	5,051,106	4,072,785	-	-	5,051,106	4,072,785
Education	12,411,924	11,988,090	-	-	12,411,924	11,988,090
Public Works	2,498,598	1,935,593	-	-	2,498,598	1,935,593
Human Services	403,044	576,130	-	-	403,044	576,130
Culture and Recreation	512,445	622,080	-	-	512,445	622,080
Employee Benefits	4,355,925	4,815,769	-	-	4,355,925	4,815,769
State and County Assessments	105,803	82,454	-	-	105,803	82,454
Interest	100,981	89,134	-	-	100,981	89,134
Water	-	-	1,868,816	1,592,647	1,868,816	1,592,647
Sewer	-	-	2,949,834	3,156,055	2,949,834	3,156,055
Total Expenses	<u>28,649,420</u>	<u>27,199,138</u>	<u>4,818,650</u>	<u>4,748,702</u>	<u>33,468,070</u>	<u>31,947,840</u>
Change in Net Position	<u>2,620,656</u>	<u>1,825,827</u>	<u>1,596,356</u>	<u>513,379</u>	<u>4,217,012</u>	<u>2,339,206</u>
Prior Period Adjustment - Agency	411,567	-	-	-	411,567	-
Net Position - beginning	19,907,471	18,081,644	17,758,519	17,245,140	37,665,990	35,326,784
Net Position - ending	<u>\$ 22,939,694</u>	<u>\$ 19,907,471</u>	<u>\$ 19,354,875</u>	<u>\$ 17,758,519</u>	<u>\$ 42,294,569</u>	<u>\$ 37,665,990</u>

Governmental Activities – FY2021 Revenues



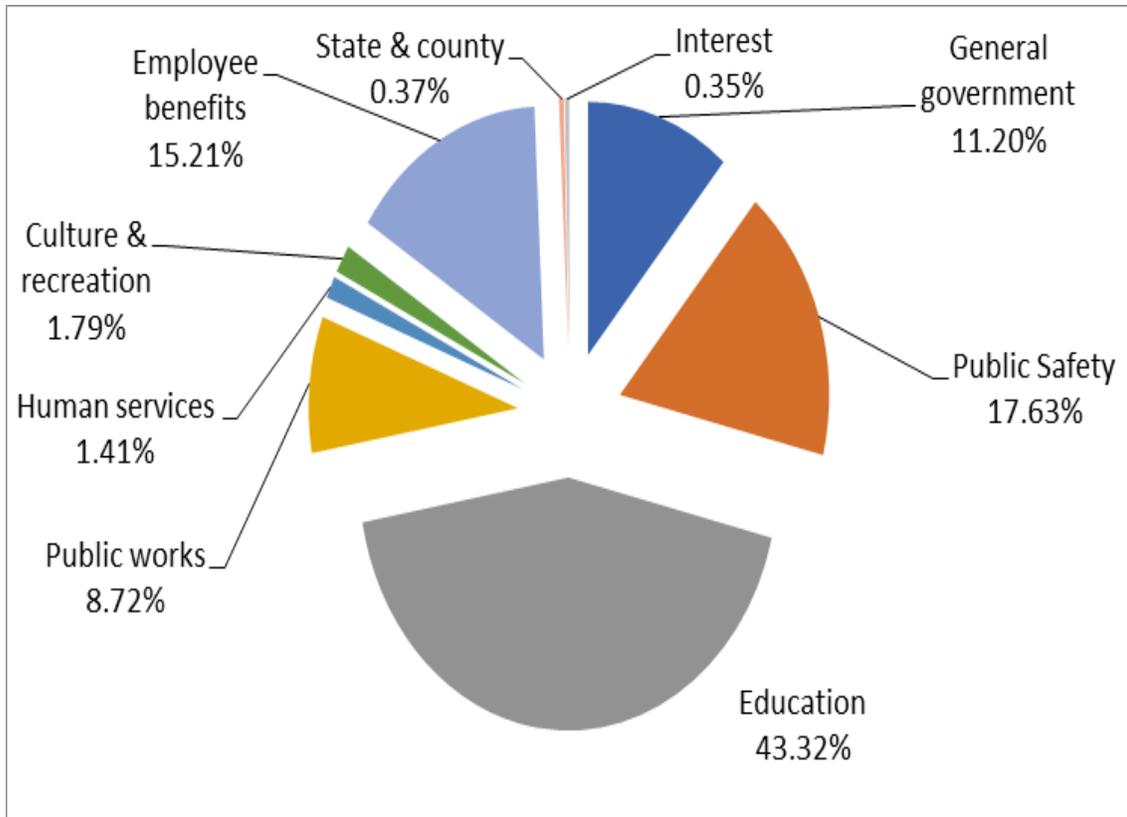
Revenues

Property taxes support nearly 65% of the Town's governmental activities.

Over 49% of the charges for services revenue was generated by general government, while public safety services represented 37%.

Nearly 34% of the operating grants apply to employee benefits, while 28% apply to public safety.

Governmental Activities – FY2021 Expenses



Expenses

Education is by far the largest governmental activity of the Town. Nearly \$10.95 million of taxes and revenues was needed to cover the FY2021 operating expenses.

Public Safety and Employee Benefits represent the second and third largest activities of the Town. Approximately \$2.26 million and \$2.62 million respectively of taxes and revenues were needed to cover the FY2021 operating expenses.

Employee benefits costs are expected to continue to be a budgetary challenge for management.

Financial Analysis of the Government's Funds

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

Governmental Funds

The focus of the Town of Marion'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 financial requirements. In particular, unassigned fund balance may serve as a useful measure of the net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year.

At the end of the fiscal year, the Town's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$15.25 million, an increase of \$2,478,932 in comparison with the prior fiscal year.

The General Fund is the chief operating fund of the Town. At the end of the fiscal year, unassigned fund balance was \$7,193,369, while total fund balance was \$11,004,838. As a measure of the General fund's liquidity, it may be useful to compare both unassigned fund balance and the total fund balance to total fund expenditures.

Proprietary Funds

The Town's proprietary funds provide the same type of information found in the government-wide financial statements, but in more detail. At the end of the fiscal year, the total net position was \$19.35 million; \$10.40 million of which relates to the Town's net investment in capital assets.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

The original general fund budget total increased during the fiscal year by \$280,000, ending with a final budget of approximately \$27.59 million. Modest amounts were transferred to supplement general government, public works, and employee benefits.

Revenues exceeded budgetary amounts by \$1,904,459, primarily driven by departmental, property taxes and motor vehicle excise. Expenditures were less than budgetary amounts by \$1,425,865. Most departments realized modest budget savings.

Capital Asset and Debt Administration

Capital Assets

The Town's investment in capital assets for its governmental and business type activities as of June 30, 2021 amount to \$66,585,423 (net of accumulated depreciation). This investment includes land, land conservation, land improvements, construction and improvements, machinery and equipment, vehicles, infrastructure, and construction in progress. The total increase in the Town's investment for the fiscal year was \$7,738,776.

Major capital asset events during the fiscal year included: 1) \$5.95 million for wastewater infrastructure improvements; 2) \$1.87 million for Mill Street water main extension; and 3) \$1.45 million for Mary's Pond well repairs.

Capital Assets (Net of Accumulated Depreciation)

Primary government	FY 2021	FY 2020	Increase/ (Decrease)
Land	\$ 6,738,498	\$ 6,738,498	\$ -
Land Conservation	2,890,348	2,653,870	236,478
Land Improvements	28,875	40,275	(11,400)
Construction and Improvements	37,968,644	39,457,833	(1,489,189)
Machinery and equipment	629,133	623,473	5,660
Vehicles	1,812,884	1,447,968	364,916
Infrastructure	2,166,752	2,274,064	(107,312)
Construction in progress	14,350,289	5,610,667	8,739,622
Total Capital Assets	\$ 66,585,423	\$ 58,846,648	\$ 7,738,775

Debt

In 2021 the Town's bond rating was reviewed and upheld at "AAA" by Standard & Poors. The Town continues to maintain this strong rating.

At the end of the fiscal year the Town had a total bonded debt outstanding of \$28,954,716. The entire amount is classified as general obligation debt and is backed by the full faith and credit of the government. The Town has no revenue bonds outstanding, which are bonds secured solely by specified revenue sources. The Town issued \$7.0 million of new debt during FY2021 for Sewer infrastructure improvements.

Outstanding Debt at Year End

Governmental Activities	Outstanding June 30, 2021	Outstanding June 30, 2020
General Obligation	\$ 1,865,000	\$ 2,110,000
School	778,200	988,500
Total Governmental Activities	\$ 2,643,200	\$ 3,098,500
Business-type Activities		
Water Improvements	\$ 5,182,500	\$ 5,696,400
Sewer Improvements	21,129,016	14,961,393
Total Business-type Activities	\$ 26,311,516	\$ 20,657,793

At the end of the fiscal year the Town’s loans authorized/unissued was approximately \$2.20 million, most of which relates to Wastewater infrastructure projects.

Additional information on the Town’s debt service can be found in the *Notes to the Financial Statements* (Note 7 – Short-term financing and Note 8 – Long-term debt).

Economic Factors and Next Year’s Budget and Rates

The Town’s per capita income was \$59,892, compared with \$45,800 for the state. The unemployment rate for the Town was 6.94%, compared with state rate of 6.93%.

The average 2021 single family home in Marion was valued at \$662,421 with an average annual tax bill of \$7,499. Overall FY2021 property values increased 1.72% as compared with the prior year.

The Town has a balanced budget for FY2022 and anticipates challenges for fully funding FY2023 operations.

Requests for Information

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, customers, and creditors with a general overview of the Town of Marion’s finances. Questions concerning the information provided in this report or requests for additional information should be addressed to the Office of the Town Accountant, 2 Spring Street, Marion, MA 02739.

**TOWN OF MARION, MASSACHUSETTS
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2021**

	PRIMARY GOVERNMENT		
	GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES	BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES	TOTAL
ASSETS			
CURRENT:			
CASH AND SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS	\$ 7,470,223	\$ 7,472,670	\$ 14,942,893
INVESTMENTS	9,743,944	-	9,743,944
RECEIVABLES, NET OF ALLOWANCE FOR UNCOLLECTIBLES:			
REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES	190,451	-	190,451
TAX LIENS	446,422	-	446,422
MOTOR VEHICLE AND OTHER EXCISE TAXES	197,119	-	197,119
USER FEES	-	1,797,371	1,797,371
DEPARTMENTAL AND OTHER	167,306	-	167,306
INTERGOVERNMENTAL	1,156,111	577,528	1,733,639
SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS	-	218,305	218,305
RECEIVABLES, NET OF ALLOWANCE FOR UNCOLLECTIBLES:			
SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS	-	3,028,954	3,028,954
CAPITAL ASSETS, NET OF ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION	25,740,918	40,844,505	66,585,423
TOTAL ASSETS	45,112,494	53,939,333	99,051,827
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
RELATED TO POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS	2,099,207	47,865	2,147,072
RELATED TO PENSIONS	939,191	140,527	1,079,718
TOTAL DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	3,038,398	188,392	3,226,790
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT:			
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	1,747,222	740,844	2,488,066
OTHER LIABILITIES	496,312	-	496,312
ACCRUED INTEREST	25,623	200,174	225,797
BONDS AND NOTES PAYABLE	454,781	7,093,395	7,548,176
LANDFILL POSTCLOSURE CARE COSTS	25,000	-	25,000
COMPENSATED ABSENCES	139,553	20,218	159,771
NONCURRENT:			
BONDS AND NOTES PAYABLE	2,252,145	25,087,404	27,339,549
LANDFILL POSTCLOSURE CARE COSTS	500,000	-	500,000
POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS	8,869,395	202,233	9,071,628
NET PENSION LIABILITY	7,602,945	1,137,593	8,740,538
COMPENSATED ABSENCES	826,920	140,556	967,476
TOTAL LIABILITIES	22,939,896	34,622,417	57,562,313
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
RELATED TO POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS	1,493,495	34,053	1,527,548
RELATED TO PENSIONS	777,807	116,380	894,187
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	2,271,302	150,433	2,421,735
NET INVESTMENT IN CAPITAL ASSETS	23,063,127	10,395,576	33,458,703
RESTRICTED FOR:			
STREETS	948,649	-	948,649
PERMANENT FUNDS:			
EXPENDABLE	300,441	-	300,441
OTHER PURPOSES	7,892,646	-	7,892,646
UNRESTRICTED	(9,265,169)	8,959,299	(305,870)
TOTAL NET POSITION	\$ 22,939,694	\$ 19,354,875	\$ 42,294,569

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

**TOWN OF MARION, MASSACHUSETTS
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021**

<u>FUNCTIONS/PROGRAMS</u>	<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>PROGRAM REVENUES</u>			<u>NET (EXPENSE) REVENUE</u>
		<u>CHARGES FOR SERVICES</u>	<u>OPERATING GRANTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS</u>	<u>CAPITAL GRANTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS</u>	
PRIMARY GOVERNMENT:					
GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES:					
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$ 3,209,594	\$ 1,798,112	\$ 629,473	\$ 50,000	\$ (732,009)
PUBLIC SAFETY	5,051,106	1,330,762	1,455,731	-	(2,264,613)
EDUCATION	12,411,924	286,659	1,176,970	-	(10,948,295)
PUBLIC WORKS	2,498,598	24,930	25,942	-	(2,447,726)
HUMAN SERVICES	403,044	110,065	131,099	-	(161,880)
CULTURE & RECREATION	512,445	91,918	37,863	-	(382,664)
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	4,355,925	-	1,738,051	-	(2,617,874)
STATE & COUNTY ASSESSMENTS	105,803	-	-	-	(105,803)
INTEREST	100,981	-	-	-	(100,981)
TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES	28,649,420	3,642,446	5,195,129	50,000	(19,761,845)
BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES:					
WATER	1,868,816	2,627,676	-	-	758,860
SEWER	2,949,834	3,382,280	389,935	-	822,381
TOTAL BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES	4,818,650	6,009,956	389,935	-	1,581,241
TOTAL PRIMARY GOVERNMENT	\$ 33,468,070	\$ 9,652,402	\$ 5,585,064	\$ 50,000	\$ (18,180,604)

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**TOWN OF MARION, MASSACHUSETTS
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021**

	PRIMARY GOVERNMENT		
	GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES	BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES	TOTAL
CHANGES IN NET POSITION:			
NET (EXPENSE) REVENUE FROM PREVIOUS PAGE	\$ (19,761,845)	\$ 1,581,241	\$ (18,180,604)
GENERAL REVENUES:			
REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES, NET OF TAX REFUNDS PAYABLE	20,246,335	-	20,246,335
TAX LIENS	22,831	-	22,831
MOTOR VEHICLE AND OTHER EXCISE TAXES	938,272	-	938,272
PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES	157,670	-	157,670
GRANTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS NOT RESTRICTED TO SPECIFIC PROGRAMS	755,854	-	755,854
UNRESTRICTED INVESTMENT INCOME	195,460	15,115	210,575
MISCELLANEOUS	66,079	-	66,079
TOTAL GENERAL REVENUES	22,382,501	15,115	22,397,616
CHANGE IN NET POSITION	2,620,656	1,596,356	4,217,012
NET POSITION:			
BEGINNING OF YEAR	20,319,038	17,758,519	38,077,557
END OF YEAR	\$ 22,939,694	\$ 19,354,875	\$ 42,294,569

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**TOWN OF MARION, MASSACHUSETTS
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 2021**

<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>GENERAL</u>	<u>NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS</u>	<u>TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS</u>
CASH AND SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS	\$ 5,309,533	\$ 2,160,690	\$ 7,470,223
INVESTMENTS	7,777,491	1,966,453	9,743,944
RECEIVABLES, NET OF ALLOWANCE FOR UNCOLLECTIBLES:			
REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES	190,451	-	190,451
TAX LIENS	446,422	-	446,422
MOTOR VEHICLE AND OTHER EXCISE TAXES	197,119	-	197,119
DEPARTMENTAL AND OTHER	162,185	5,121	167,306
INTERGOVERNMENTAL	-	1,156,111	1,156,111
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 14,083,201</u>	<u>\$ 5,288,375</u>	<u>\$ 19,371,576</u>
 <u>LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES</u>			
LIABILITIES:			
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	\$ 1,656,064	\$ 91,158	\$ 1,747,222
OTHER LIABILITIES	496,312	-	496,312
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>2,152,376</u>	<u>91,158</u>	<u>2,243,534</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES:			
UNAVAILABLE REVENUE	925,987	953,770	1,879,757
FUND BALANCES:			
RESTRICTED	21,991	4,370,775	4,392,766
COMMITTED	1,246,977	-	1,246,977
ASSIGNED	2,542,501	-	2,542,501
UNASSIGNED	7,193,369	(127,328)	7,066,041
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	<u>11,004,838</u>	<u>4,243,447</u>	<u>15,248,285</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOW OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES	<u>\$ 14,083,201</u>	<u>\$ 5,288,375</u>	<u>\$ 19,371,576</u>

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**TOWN OF MARION, MASSACHUSETTS
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021**

	<u>GENERAL</u>	<u>NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS</u>	<u>TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS</u>
REVENUES:			
REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES, NET OF TAX REFUNDS	\$ 20,897,578	\$ -	\$ 20,897,578
MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES	866,693	-	866,693
PENALTIES AND INTEREST ON TAXES	157,670	-	157,670
INTERGOVERNMENTAL	2,950,588	2,300,125	5,250,713
CHARGES FOR SERVICES	417,934	844,121	1,262,055
INVESTMENT INCOME	195,460	34,826	230,286
CONTRIBUTIONS & DONATIONS	-	216,973	216,973
DEPARTMENTAL AND OTHER	2,410,944	538,418	2,949,362
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>27,896,867</u>	<u>3,934,463</u>	<u>31,831,330</u>
EXPENDITURES:			
CURRENT:			
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	3,034,439	828,319	3,862,758
PUBLIC SAFETY	3,652,815	1,495,724	5,148,539
EDUCATION	11,563,152	487,605	12,050,757
PUBLIC WORKS	2,297,733	298,325	2,596,058
HUMAN SERVICES	406,682	51,354	458,036
CULTURE & RECREATION	423,736	74,593	498,329
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	4,064,276	-	4,064,276
STATE & COUNTY ASSESSMENTS	105,803	-	105,803
DEBT SERVICE:			
PRINCIPAL	455,300	-	455,300
INTEREST	112,542	-	112,542
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>26,116,478</u>	<u>3,235,920</u>	<u>29,352,398</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	<u>1,780,389</u>	<u>698,543</u>	<u>2,478,932</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
OPERATING TRANSFERS IN	258,100	-	258,100
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT	-	(258,100)	(258,100)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>258,100</u>	<u>(258,100)</u>	<u>-</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	2,038,489	440,443	2,478,932
FUND BALANCES AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>8,966,349</u>	<u>3,803,004</u>	<u>12,769,353</u>
FUND BALANCES AT END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 11,004,838</u>	<u>\$ 4,243,447</u>	<u>\$ 15,248,285</u>

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**TOWN OF MARION, MASSACHUSETTS
RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET
TOTAL FUND BALANCES TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2021**

TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCES		\$ 15,248,285
CAPITAL ASSETS (NET) USED IN GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES ARE NOT FINANCIAL RESOURCES AND, THEREFORE, ARE NOT REPORTED IN THE FUNDS		25,740,918
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE ARE NOT AVAILABLE TO PAY FOR CURRENT-PERIOD EXPENDITURES AND, THEREFORE, ARE DEFERRED IN THE FUNDS		1,879,757
IN THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES, INTEREST IS ACCRUED ON OUTSTANDING LONG-TERM DEBT, WHEREAS IN GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS INTEREST IS NOT REPORTED UNTIL DUE		(25,623)
LONG-TERM LIABILITIES ARE NOT DUE AND PAYABLE IN THE CURRENT PERIOD AND, THEREFORE, ARE NOT REPORTED IN THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS		
BONDS AND NOTES PAYABLE	(2,643,200)	
UNAMORTIZED BOND PREMIUM	(63,726)	
NET PENSION LIABILITY	(7,602,945)	
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES - RELATED TO PENSIONS	939,191	
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES - RELATED TO PENSIONS	(777,807)	
OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB)	(8,869,395)	
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES - RELATED TO POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS	2,099,207	
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES - RELATED TO POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS	(1,493,495)	
LANDFILL CLOSURE AND POSTCLOSURE CARE COSTS	(525,000)	
COMPENSATED ABSENCES	(966,473)	
	<u>(19,903,643)</u>	<u>(19,903,643)</u>
NET POSITION OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES		\$ <u>22,939,694</u>

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**TOWN OF MARION, MASSACHUSETTS
RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021**

NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES - TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS \$ 2,478,932

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.

CAPITAL OUTLAY	1,507,570	
DEPRECIATION EXPENSE	<u>(1,004,804)</u>	
NET EFFECT OF REPORTING CAPITAL ASSETS		502,766

REVENUES IN THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES THAT DO NOT PROVIDE CURRENT FINANCIAL RESOURCES ARE FULLY DEFERRED IN THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES. THEREFORE, THE RECOGNITION OF REVENUE FOR VARIOUS TYPES OF ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE (I.E. REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY, MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE, ETC.) DIFFER BETWEEN THE TWO STATEMENTS. THIS AMOUNT REPRESENTS THE NET CHANGE IN DEFERRED REVENUE. (561,254)

THE ISSUANCE OF LONG-TERM DEBT (E.G., BONDS) 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, HOWEVER, HAS ANY EFFECT ON NET ASSETS. ALSO, GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS REPORT THE EFFECT OF ISSUANCE COSTS, PREMIUMS, DISCOUNTS, AND SIMILAR ITEMS WHEN DEBT IS FIRST ISSUED, WHEREAS THESE AMOUNTS ARE DEFERRED AND AMORTIZED IN THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES.

DEBT SERVICE PRINCIPAL PAYMENTS	455,300	
AMORTIZATION OF BOND PREMIUM	<u>7,081</u>	
NET EFFECT OF REPORTING LONG-TEM DEBT		462,381

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.

NET CHANGE IN COMPENSATED ABSENCES ACCRUAL	(145,095)	
NET CHANGE IN NET POSTCLOSURE MONITORING LIABILITY	25,000	
NET CHANGE IN ACCRUED INTEREST ON LONG-TERM DEBT	4,480	
NET CHANGE IN OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS	535,303	
NET CHANGE IN DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES - RELATED TO POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT	(220,457)	
NET CHANGE IN DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES - RELATED TO POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT	(569,538)	
NET CHANGE IN NET PENSION LIABILITY	854,590	
NET CHANGE IN DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES - RELATED TO PENSIONS	(530,932)	
NET CHANGE IN DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES - RELATED TO PENSIONS	<u>(215,520)</u>	
NET EFFECT OF RECORDING LONG-TERM LIABILITIES		<u>(262,169)</u>

CHANGE IN NET POSITION OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES \$ 2,620,656

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**TOWN OF MARION, MASSACHUSETTS
GENERAL FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021**

	<u>BUDGETED AMOUNTS</u>		<u>ACTUAL BUDGETARY AMOUNTS</u>	<u>VARIANCE OVER (UNDER)</u>
	<u>ORIGINAL BUDGET</u>	<u>FINAL BUDGET</u>		
<u>REVENUES:</u>				
REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES, NET OF TAX REFUNDS	\$ 20,593,682	\$ 20,593,682	\$ 20,897,578	\$ 303,896
MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES	600,000	600,000	866,693	266,693
PENALTIES & INTEREST ON TAXES	75,000	75,000	157,670	82,670
INTERGOVERNMENTAL	1,211,108	1,211,108	1,237,935	26,827
CHARGES FOR SERVICES	319,800	319,800	417,934	98,134
INVESTMENT INCOME	10,000	10,000	83,896	73,896
DEPARTMENTAL AND OTHER	1,358,601	1,358,601	2,410,944	1,052,343
	<u>24,168,191</u>	<u>24,168,191</u>	<u>26,072,650</u>	<u>1,904,459</u>
TOTAL REVENUES				
<u>EXPENDITURES:</u>				
CURRENT:				
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	3,439,405	3,692,862	3,499,123	193,739
PUBLIC SAFETY	3,927,071	3,927,071	3,805,801	121,270
EDUCATION	12,025,982	12,025,982	11,969,215	56,767
PUBLIC WORKS	3,055,199	3,080,199	2,880,454	199,745
HUMAN SERVICES	559,358	559,358	496,226	63,132
CULTURE & RECREATION	502,649	502,649	474,783	27,866
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	3,135,668	3,137,211	2,360,215	776,996
STATE & COUNTY ASSESSMENTS	87,153	87,153	105,803	(18,650)
DEBT SERVICE:				
PRINCIPAL	455,300	455,300	455,300	-
INTEREST	117,542	117,542	112,542	5,000
	<u>27,305,327</u>	<u>27,585,327</u>	<u>26,159,462</u>	<u>1,425,865</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES				
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	<u>(3,137,136)</u>	<u>(3,417,136)</u>	<u>(86,812)</u>	<u>3,330,324</u>
<u>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):</u>				
OPERATING TRANSFERS IN	<u>258,100</u>	<u>258,100</u>	<u>258,100</u>	<u>-</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	(2,879,036)	(3,159,036)	171,288	3,330,324
BUDGETARY FUND BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>6,007,912</u>	<u>6,007,912</u>	<u>6,007,912</u>	<u>-</u>
BUDGETARY FUND BALANCE, END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 3,128,876</u>	<u>\$ 2,848,876</u>	<u>\$ 6,179,200</u>	<u>\$ 3,330,324</u>

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**TOWN OF MARION, MASSACHUSETTS
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2021**

	BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES - ENTERPRISE FUNDS		
<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>WATER</u>	<u>SEWER</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
CURRENT:			
CASH AND SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS	\$ 4,605,521	\$ 2,867,149	\$ 7,472,670
USER FEES	752,064	1,045,307	1,797,371
SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS	-	218,305	218,305
INTERGOVERNMENTAL	-	577,528	577,528
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	<u>5,357,585</u>	<u>4,708,289</u>	<u>10,065,874</u>
NONCURRENT:			
SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS	-	3,028,954	3,028,954
CAPITAL ASSETS, NET OF ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION	12,402,765	28,441,740	40,844,505
TOTAL NONCURRENT ASSETS	<u>12,402,765</u>	<u>31,470,694</u>	<u>43,873,459</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>17,760,350</u>	<u>36,178,983</u>	<u>53,939,333</u>
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
RELATED TO POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS	33,481	14,384	47,865
RELATED TO PENSIONS	64,903	75,624	140,527
TOTAL DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	<u>98,384</u>	<u>90,008</u>	<u>188,392</u>
<u>LIABILITIES</u>			
CURRENT:			
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	153,725	587,119	740,844
ACCRUED INTEREST	48,635	151,539	200,174
BONDS AND NOTES PAYABLE	3,993,083	3,100,312	7,093,395
COMPENSATED ABSENCES	13,409	6,809	20,218
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	<u>4,208,852</u>	<u>3,845,779</u>	<u>8,054,631</u>
NONCURRENT:			
BONDS AND NOTES PAYABLE	4,822,255	20,265,149	25,087,404
NET PENSION LIABILITY	525,402	612,191	1,137,593
COMPENSATED ABSENCES	62,670	77,886	140,556
POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS	141,460	60,773	202,233
TOTAL NONCURRENT LIABILITIES	<u>5,551,787</u>	<u>21,015,999</u>	<u>26,567,786</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>9,760,639</u>	<u>24,861,778</u>	<u>34,622,417</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
RELATED TO POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS	23,820	10,233	34,053
RELATED TO PENSIONS	53,751	62,629	116,380
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	<u>77,571</u>	<u>72,862</u>	<u>150,433</u>
<u>NET POSITION</u>			
NET INVESTMENT IN CAPITAL ASSETS	5,149,540	5,246,036	10,395,576
UNRESTRICTED	2,870,984	6,088,315	8,959,299
TOTAL NET POSITION	<u>\$ 8,020,524</u>	<u>\$ 11,334,351</u>	<u>\$ 19,354,875</u>

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**TOWN OF MARION, MASSACHUSETTS
 PROPRIETARY FUNDS
 STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION
 FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021**

	BUSINESS TYPE ACTIVITIES - ENTERPRISE FUNDS		
	WATER	SEWER	TOTAL
<u>OPERATING REVENUES:</u>			
CHARGES FOR SERVICES	\$ 2,627,676	\$ 3,382,280	\$ 6,009,956
<u>OPERATING EXPENSES:</u>			
GENERAL SERVICES	1,379,723	1,707,813	3,087,536
DEPRECIATION	299,949	739,779	1,039,728
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	1,679,672	2,447,592	4,127,264
OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)	948,004	934,688	1,882,692
<u>NON-OPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES):</u>			
INTERGOVERNMENTAL	-	389,935	389,935
INVESTMENT INCOME	7,921	7,194	15,115
INTEREST EXPENSE	(189,144)	(502,242)	(691,386)
TOTAL NON-OPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES), NET	(181,223)	(105,113)	(286,336)
CHANGE IN NET POSITION	766,781	829,575	1,596,356
NET POSITION AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	7,253,743	10,504,776	17,758,519
NET POSITION AT END OF YEAR	\$ 8,020,524	\$ 11,334,351	\$ 19,354,875

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

**TOWN OF MARION, MASSACHUSETTS
 PROPRIETARY FUNDS
 STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
 FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021**

	BUSINESS TYPE ACTIVITIES - ENTERPRISE FUNDS		
	WATER	SEWER	TOTAL
<u>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:</u>			
RECEIPTS FROM CUSTOMERS AND USERS	\$ 2,633,397	\$ 3,610,352	\$ 6,243,749
PAYMENTS TO SUPPLIERS	(1,085,685)	(1,320,719)	(2,406,404)
PAYMENTS TO EMPLOYEES	<u>(287,793)</u>	<u>(392,568)</u>	<u>(680,361)</u>
NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	<u>1,259,919</u>	<u>1,897,065</u>	<u>3,156,984</u>
<u>CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES:</u>			
PROCEEDS FROM THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS AND NOTES	(120,856)	5,463,210	5,342,354
PROCEEDS FROM INTERGOVERNMENTAL GRANT	-	250,000	250,000
PRINCIPAL PAYMENTS ON BONDS AND NOTES	(513,900)	(834,671)	(1,348,571)
ACQUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION OF CAPITAL ASSETS	(2,229,548)	(6,066,120)	(8,295,668)
INTEREST EXPENSE	<u>(264,067)</u>	<u>(383,042)</u>	<u>(647,109)</u>
NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES:	<u>(3,128,371)</u>	<u>(1,570,623)</u>	<u>(4,698,994)</u>
<u>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:</u>			
INTEREST RECEIVED	<u>7,921</u>	<u>7,194</u>	<u>15,115</u>
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS	(1,860,531)	333,636	(1,526,895)
CASH AND SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS - BEGINNING OF YEAR	6,466,052	2,533,513	8,999,565
CASH AND SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS - END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 4,605,521</u>	<u>\$ 2,867,149</u>	<u>\$ 7,472,670</u>
<u>RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)</u>			
<u>TO NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES:</u>			
OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)	<u>\$ 948,004</u>	<u>\$ 934,688</u>	<u>\$ 1,882,692</u>
ADJUSTMENTS TO RECONCILE OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)			
TO NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES:			
DEPRECIATION	299,949	739,779	1,039,728
(INCREASE) DECREASE IN ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	5,721	228,072	233,793
(INCREASE) DECREASE IN DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	25,723	22,088	47,811
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	12,810	2,022	14,832
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN ACCRUED COMPENSATED ABSENCES	2,089	1,963	4,052
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS	(14,695)	(6,598)	(21,293)
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	39,374	43,863	83,237
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET PENSION LIABILITY	<u>(59,056)</u>	<u>(68,812)</u>	<u>(127,868)</u>
TOTAL ADJUSTMENTS	<u>311,915</u>	<u>962,377</u>	<u>1,274,292</u>
NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	<u>\$ 1,259,919</u>	<u>\$ 1,897,065</u>	<u>\$ 3,156,984</u>

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**TOWN OF MARION, MASSACHUSETTS
FIDUCIARY FUND
STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2021**

	POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS TRUST
<u>ASSETS</u>	
INVESTMENTS	\$ 2,487,869
<u>LIABILITIES</u>	-
<u>NET POSITION</u>	
POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS	<u>\$ 2,487,869</u>

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**TOWN OF MARION, MASSACHUSETTS
FIDUCIARY FUND
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021**

	POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS TRUST
<u>ADDITIONS:</u>	
CONTRIBUTIONS:	
EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS	\$ 100,000
EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS TO PAY FOR OPEB BENEFITS	555,224
NET INVESTMENT INCOME:	
INVESTMENT INCOME	<u>538,674</u>
TOTAL ADDITIONS	<u>1,193,898</u>
<u>DEDUCTIONS:</u>	
BENEFIT PAYMENTS	<u>555,224</u>
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION	638,674
NET POSITION - BEGINNING	<u>1,849,195</u>
NET POSITION - ENDING	<u><u>\$ 2,487,869</u></u>

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NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accompanying basic financial statements of the Town of Marion, 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 following is a summary of the more significant Town accounting policies:

A. Reporting Entity

Primary Government

The Town is a municipal corporation that is governed by an elected three member Select Board (the Board). The Board is responsible for appointing a Town Administrator whose responsibility is to manage the day to day operations. For financial reporting purposes, the Town has included all funds, organizations, account groups, agencies, boards, commissions and institutions. The Town has also considered all potential component units, blended or discretely presented, 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. Blended component units, although legally separate entities, are, in substance, part of the government’s operations and discretely presented component units are reported in a separate column in the government-wide financial statements to emphasize that they are legally separate from the government. It has been determined that there are no component units (blended or discretely presented) for inclusion in the primary government’s financial reporting entity.

Joint Ventures

Municipal joint ventures pool resources to share the costs, risks and rewards of providing services to their participants, the general public or others. The Town is a participant in the following joint ventures:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Annual Assessment</u>
Old Rochester Regional School District	To provide secondary Education	135 Marian Road Marion, MA 02739	\$ 4,956,023
Upper – Cape Cod Regional Technical High School	To provide vocational education	220 Sandwich Road Bourne, MA 02532	\$ 274,542
Mattapoissett River Valley Water District	To provide advanced water treatment	P. O. Box 1055 Marion, MA 02739	\$ 275,425

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The Old Rochester Regional School District (the District) is governed by a nine (9) member school committee. The Town of Marion has three (3) representatives on the District's School Committee. The Town is indirectly liable for debt and other expenditures of the District and is assessed annually for its share of the operating and capital costs. Separate financial statements may be obtained by writing to the Treasurer of the District at the above address. The Town has an equity interest of approximately 27.43% in the joint venture.

The Upper Cape Cod Regional Technical High School (the District) is governed by a nine (9) member school committee. The Town of Marion has one (1) representative on the District's School Committee. The Town is indirectly liable for debt and other expenditures of the District and is assessed annually for its share of the operating and capital costs. Separate financial statements may be obtained by writing to the Treasurer of the District at the above address. The Town has an equity interest of approximately 7.681% in the joint venture.

The Mattapoisett River Valley Water district was formed in October 2004 pursuant to an inter-municipal agreement authorized by state statutes. The Town joined the Towns of Fairhaven, Mattapoisett, and Rochester to provide for sharing of the capital, operating and maintenance, and other costs of an advanced Water Treatment Facility for the mutual advantage of the Towns. A twelve - member Board of Commissioners for the joint venture is appointed for oversight purposes. Each Town has three (3) representatives on the District's Board of Commissioners. An annual budget for the operation and management of the facility is prepared by the facility superintendent and submitted to the Board of Commissioners. The Town has an equity interest of approximately 11% in the joint venture.

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 activities) report information on all of the non-fiduciary activities of the primary government. *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.

Major Fund Criteria

A fund is considered major if it is the primary operating fund of the Town or it meets the following criteria:

- a. 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 and deferred outflows of resources, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources, etc.) for all funds of that category or type (total governmental or total enterprise funds), and

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- b. 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 fiscal 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:

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

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 the various 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

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the 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 they become both 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.

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Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for interest on general long-term debt which is recognized when due, and the non current portion of compensated absences, landfill postclosure care costs, net pension liability, and postemployment benefits which are recognized when the obligations are expected to be liquidated with current expendable available resources.

In applying the susceptible to accrual concept to intergovernmental revenues, there are essentially two types of revenues. In one, moneys must be expended on the specific purpose or project before any amounts will be paid to the Town; therefore, revenues are recognized based upon the expenditures incurred. In the other, moneys are virtually unrestricted and are usually revocable only for failure to comply with prescribed compliance requirements. These resources are reflected as revenues at the time of receipt or earlier if the susceptible to accrual criteria are met.

The Town considers property taxes as available if they are due and collected within 60 days after fiscal year-end. Licenses and permits, user charges, fines and forfeitures, and miscellaneous revenues are recorded as revenues when received. Investment earnings are recorded as earned.

The Town reports the following major governmental funds:

- The *General fund* is the primary operating fund of the Town. It is used to account for all financial resources, except those that are required to be accounted for in another fund.
- The *Nonmajor Governmental funds* consist of other special revenue and capital projects 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 the proceeds of specific revenue sources (other than permanent funds or capital projects funds) that are restricted by law or administrative action to expenditures for specified purposes.
 - The *Capital Projects fund* is used to account for financial resources to be used for the acquisition or construction of major capital facilities (other than those financed by enterprise and trust funds).

Proprietary Fund Financial Statements

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 non-operating 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 non-operating revenues and expenses.

The following major proprietary funds are reported:

- The *Water Enterprise fund* is used to account for water activities.
- The *Sewer Enterprise fund* is used to account for sewer activities. .

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Fiduciary Fund Financial Statements

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 by the Town in a trustee capacity for others that cannot be used to support the governmental programs.

The following fiduciary fund type is reported:

- The *Postemployment Benefits Trust fund* is used to account for assets held to fund future postemployment benefits of current and retired employees.

D. Cash and Investments

Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

Cash and short term investments are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition. Investments are reported at fair value.

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, U.S. government obligations, 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, are classified as Level 2 because fair values are estimated using pricing models, matrix pricing, or discounted cash flows.

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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. Market price is affected by a number of factors, including the type of instrument and the characteristics specific to the instrument. Instruments with readily available active quoted prices generally will have a higher degree of market price observability and a lesser degree of judgment used in measuring fair value. It is reasonably possible that change in values of these instruments will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect amounts reported in these financial statements. For more information on the fair value of the Town’s financial instruments, see Note 3 – Fair Market Value of 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 proprietary 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 based on values assessed as of each January 1 and are normally due on the subsequent November 1 and May 1. Property taxes that remain unpaid after the respective due dates are subject to penalties and interest charges. By law, all taxable property in the Commonwealth must be assessed at 100% of fair market value. Once levied, which is required to be at least 30 days prior to the due date, these taxes are recorded as receivables in the fiscal year of levy. Based on the Town’s experience, most property taxes are collected during the year in which they are assessed. Liening of properties on which taxes remain unpaid occurs annually. The Town ultimately has the right to foreclose on all properties where the taxes remain unpaid.

A statewide property tax limitation statute known as “Proposition 2 ½” limits the amount of increase in property tax levy in any fiscal year. Generally, Proposition 2 ½ limits the total levy to an amount not greater than 2 ½ % of the total assessed value of all taxable property within the Town. Secondly, the tax levy cannot increase by more than 2 ½ % of the prior year’s levy plus the taxes on property newly added to the tax rolls. Certain provisions of Proposition 2 ½ can be overridden by a Town-wide referendum.

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

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

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Motor Vehicle Excise

Motor vehicle excise taxes are assessed annually for each vehicle registered in the Town and are recorded as receivables in the fiscal 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.

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

Departmental and Other

Departmental and other receivables consist primarily of ambulance receivables and are recorded as receivables in the fiscal year accrued. The allowance for uncollectibles is estimated based on historical trends and specific account analysis.

Special Assessments

Business-type activities special assessments consist primarily of unapportioned and apportioned sewer betterments and are recorded as receivables in the fiscal years accrued. Since the receivables are secured via the lien process, these assets are considered 100% collectable and therefore do not report an allowance for uncollectibles.

Water and Sewer

User fees are levied quarterly based on residential and commercial meter readings and are subject to penalties and interest if they are not paid by the respective due date. Water and sewer liens are processed in December of every year and included as a lien on the property owner's tax bill. Water and sewer charges and related liens are recorded as receivables in the fiscal 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 uncollectibles.

Intergovernmental

Various federal and state grants for operating and capital purposes are applied for and received annually. For non-expenditure driven grants, receivables are recognized as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met. For expenditure driven grants, receivables are recognized 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 uncollectibles.

G. Inventories

Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

Inventories of the governmental funds and the enterprise funds are recorded as expenditures at the time of purchase. Such inventories are not material in total to the basic financial statements, and therefore are not reported.

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H. Capital Assets

Government-Wide and Proprietary Fund Financial Statements

Capital assets, which include land, land conservation, construction and improvements, land improvements, machinery and equipment, vehicles, infrastructure (e.g., water mains, sewer mains, roadways and similar items), and construction in progress, are reported in the applicable governmental or business-type activities column of the government-wide financial statements, and the proprietary fund financial statements. Capital assets are recorded at historical cost, or at estimated historical cost, if actual historical cost is not available. Donated capital assets are recorded at the estimated fair market value at the date of donation. Except for the capital assets of the governmental activities column in the government-wide financial statements, construction period interest is capitalized on constructed capital assets if material.

All purchases and construction costs in excess of \$10,000 are capitalized at the date of acquisition or construction, respectively, with expected useful lives of five years or greater.

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

Asset Class	Estimated Useful Life (in years)
Construction and Improvements	40
Land Improvements	20
Machinery and Equipment	5-30
Vehicles	5-8
Infrastructure	10-40

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 fiscal year of purchase for the various funds.

I. 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.

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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".

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.

J. Interfund Transfers

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

Government-Wide Financial Statements

Operating transfers 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 activities as "Transfers, net".

Fund Financial Statements

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

K. Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

Government-Wide Financial Statements (Net Position)

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

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

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Governmental Funds Financial Statements

In addition to liabilities, the governmental funds balance sheet will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate 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. Unavailable revenue is recognized as revenue in the conversion to the government-wide (full accrual) financial statements.

L. Net Position and Fund Equity

Government-Wide Financial Statements (Net Position)

Net position are classified into three components:

- a) *Net investment in capital assets* – consists of capital assets including restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes, or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.
- b) *Restricted net position* – Consists of net position with constraints placed on the use either by (1) external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or (2) law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Net position have been “restricted” for the following:

- *Streets* represent amounts committed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the repair and/or construction of the streets.
 - *Permanent funds -expendable* represents amounts held in trust for which the expenditures are restricted by various trust agreements.
 - *Other specific purposes* represent restrictions placed on assets from outside parties.
- c) *Unrestricted net position* – All other net position that do not meet the definition of “restricted” or “net investment in capital assets.”

Fund Financial Statements (Fund Balances)

The Town uses the following criteria for fund balance classification:

- For *restricted* fund balance: when constraints placed on the use of the resources are either (1) externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or (2) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- For *committed* fund balance: (1) the government’s highest level of decision-making authority and (2) the formal action that is required to be taken to establish (and modify or rescind) a fund balance commitment.

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- For *assigned* fund balance: (1) the body or official authorized to assign amounts to a specific purpose and (2) the policy established by the governing body pursuant to which the authorization is given.
- For *unassigned* fund balance: is the residual classification for the general fund. In other governmental funds, if expenditures incurred for specific purposes exceeded the amounts restricted, committed, or assigned to those purposes, it may be necessary to report a negative unassigned fund balance.

The Town uses the following criteria for fund balance policies and procedures:

- When expenditures are incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted fund balance is available, the unrestricted amount will be considered to have been spent.
- When expenditures are incurred for purposes for which committed, assigned, or unassigned fund balance is available, and the least restricted amount will be considered to have been spent.

M. 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.

N. Investment Income

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

O. Compensated Absences

Employees are granted sick and vacation leave in varying amounts. Upon retirement, termination or death, certain employees are compensated for unused sick and vacation leave (subject to certain limitations) at their then current rates of pay.

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Government-Wide Financial Statements

The total amount to be paid in future years is presented in the governmental activities and business type activities columns of the government-wide statement of net position. The liability for vacation leave is based on the amount earned but not used; for sick leave, it is based on the amount accumulated at the balance sheet date (vesting method).

Governmental Fund Financial Statements

The portion of the liability related to unused sick and vacation time that has matured or is due as of June 30, 2021 is recorded in the governmental funds financial statement.

P. Pensions

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Plymouth County Retirement Association (PCRA) and the Massachusetts Teachers Retirement System (MTRS). Additions to/deductions from the Association's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the Association. 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.

Q. Post Retirement Benefits

Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

In addition to providing pension benefits, health, dental, and life insurance coverage is provided for retired employees and their survivors in accordance with MGL, Chapter 32B, of Massachusetts General Laws, under various contributory plans. The cost of providing health, dental, and life insurance is recognized by recording the employer's 50% share of insurance premiums in the general fund in the fiscal year paid. All benefits are provided through third-party insurance carriers and health maintenance organizations that administer, assume, and pay all claims.

R. Use of Estimates

Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

The preparation of the accompanying financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenditures/expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could vary from estimates that were used.

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S. 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 comparable to the consolidated financial information.

NOTE 2 – STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

A. Budgetary Basis of Accounting

Pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 32 of the Massachusetts General Laws, the Town adopts an annual budget for the general fund. The budgets for all departments and operations of the Town, except that of the public schools, are prepared under the direction of the Select Board. The School Department budget is prepared under the direction of the School Committee. The level of expenditures may not legally exceed appropriations for each department or undertaking in the following categories: (1) salaries and wages; (2) ordinary maintenance; and (3) capital outlays.

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

Original and supplemental appropriations are enacted upon by a Town Meeting vote. Management may not amend the budget without seeking the approval of the governing body. The Town's Finance Committee can legally transfer funds from its reserve fund to other appropriations within the budget without seeking Town Meeting approvals. The original fiscal year 2021 approved budget authorized \$26,055,381 in current year appropriations and other amounts to be raised, and \$1,249,946 in articles and encumbrances carried forward from previous fiscal years. Supplemental appropriations of \$280,000 were approved at one Town Meeting during fiscal year 2021.

The Finance Director/Town Accountant has the responsibility to ensure that budgetary controls are maintained and monitored through the accounting system.

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B. 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. A reconciliation of budgetary-basis to GAAP-basis results for the general fund for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, is presented below:

Net change in fund balance - budgetary basis	\$ 171,288
Basis of accounting differences:	
Net stabilization fund activity	111,563
Increase in revenue for on-behalf payments - MTRS	1,712,653
Increase in expenditures for on-behalf payments - MTRS	(1,712,653)
Education Personal Services Prior Year	(121)
Adjustment for Current Year Encumbrances	508,781
Adjustment for Current Year Articles	<u>1,246,978</u>
Net change in fund balance - GAAP basis	<u>\$ 2,038,489</u>

C. Deficit Fund Balances

Several individual fund deficits exist within the special revenue and water and sewer capital projects funds. These individual deficits will be eliminated through subsequent fiscal year budget transfers, grants or proceeds of long-term debt during fiscal year 2022.

NOTE 3 – DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

State and local statutes place certain limitations on the nature of deposits and investments available to the Town. Deposits (including demand deposits, term deposits and certificates of deposit) in any one financial institution may not exceed certain levels unless collateralized by the financial institutions involved.

Deposits

▪ *Custodial Credit Risk - Deposits*

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of bank failure, the Town's deposits may not be returned. Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44, Section 55, limits the deposits "in a bank or trust company, or banking company to an amount not exceeding sixty percent (60%) of the capital and surplus of such bank or trust company or banking company, unless satisfactory security is given to it by such bank or trust company or banking company for such excess."

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The Town carries deposits that are fully insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) and the Depositor's Insurance Fund (DIF). The Town also carries deposits that are not collateralized and are uninsured.

The following table illustrates how much of the Town's bank deposits are insured and how much of the Town's bank deposits are uninsured and uncollateralized as of June 30, 2021:

Total bank balances		\$ 20,240,747
		<u> </u>
Bank balances covered by deposit insurance		
Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC)	1,950,000	
Depositors Insurance Fund (DIF)	<u>15,245,168</u>	
Total bank balances covered by deposit insurance		17,195,168
Balances subject to custodial credit risk		
Bank balances uninsured & uncollateralized	<u>3,045,579</u>	
Total bank balances subject to custodial credit risk		<u>3,045,579</u>
Total bank balances		<u>\$ 20,240,747</u>

Investments

Investments can also be made in securities issued by or unconditionally guaranteed by the U.S. government or agencies that have a maturity of less than one year from the date of purchase, repurchase agreement guaranteed by the U.S. government or agencies that have a maturity of less than one year from the date of purchase, repurchase agreements guaranteed by such securities with maturity dates of no more than 90 days from the date of purchase, and units in the Massachusetts Municipal Depository Trust (MMDT). The Treasurer of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts oversees the financial management of the MMDT, a local investment pool for cities, towns, and other state and local agencies within the Commonwealth. The Town's fair value of its investment in MMDT represents their value of the pool's shares. The Town's Trust Funds have expanded investment powers including the ability to invest in equity securities, corporate bonds, annuities and other specified investments.

The composition of the Town's bank recorded deposits and investments fluctuates depending primarily on the timing of property tax receipts, proceeds from borrowings, collections of state and federal aid, and capital outlays throughout the year.

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a) Credit Risk

Generally, credit risk is the risk that an issuer of an investment will not fulfill its obligation to the holder of the investment. For short-term investments that were purchased using surplus revenues, Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44, Section 55, limits the Town's investments to the top rating issued by at least one nationally recognized statistical rating organization (NRSROs).

Presented below is the actual rating as of yearend for each investment type of the Town.

Investment type	Fair value	Minimum Legal Rating	Rating as of Year End						
			Aaa	A1	A2	A3	Baa1	Baa2	Unrated
Fixed income mutual funds	\$ 1,024,814	N/A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,024,814
Money market mutual funds	359,451	N/A	-	-	-	-	-	-	359,451
Corporate Bonds	2,480,621	N/A	-	229,377	569,307	180,581	995,448	505,908	-
Certificates of Deposit	4,641,984	N/A	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,641,984
U.S. Government Agencies & Securities	1,212,108	N/A	1,197,094	-	-	-	-	-	15,014
Common Stock	2,512,835	N/A	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,512,835
Total Investments	\$ 12,231,813		\$ 1,197,094	\$ 229,377	\$ 569,307	\$ 180,581	\$ 995,448	\$ 505,908	\$ 8,554,098

b) Custodial Credit Risk

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 possession of an outside party. The Town has no custodial credit risk exposure related to the corporate bonds, U.S. Government agencies and securities, common stock, and certificates of deposit because the related securities are registered in the name of the Town. The mutual fund investments are not exposed to custodial credit risk because their existence is not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book entry form.

c) Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk is the risk of changes in market interest rates which will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. Generally, the longer the maturity of an investment, the greater the risk of its fair value to change with the market interest rates. 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.

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Information about the sensitivity of the fair values of the Town's investments to market interest rate fluctuations is as follows:

Investment type	Fair value	Investment maturities (in years)	
		Less than 1	1-5
<i>Debt Related Securities:</i>			
Corporate bonds	\$ 2,480,621	\$ 785,568	\$ 1,695,053
Fixed income mutual funds	1,024,814	1,024,814	-
U.S. Government & Agency	1,212,108	456,548	755,560
Certificate of deposit	4,641,984	4,404,441	237,543
Total - Debt related securities	<u>9,359,527</u>	<u>6,671,371</u>	<u>2,688,156</u>
<i>Other Investments:</i>			
Money market mutual funds	359,451	359,451	-
Common Stock	2,512,835	2,512,835	-
Total Other Investments	<u>2,872,286</u>	<u>2,872,286</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Investments	<u>\$ 12,231,813</u>	<u>\$ 9,543,657</u>	<u>\$ 2,688,156</u>

d) *Concentration of Credit Risk*

The Town places no limit on the amount the government may invest in any one issuer. More than 5% of the Town's investments are in the following securities:

Issuer	Percentage of Total Investments
Bristol County Savings Bank - Certificate of Deposit	17.64%
Cooperative Bank of Cape Cod - Certificate of Deposit	6.73%
Cooperative Bank of Cape Cod - Certificate of Deposit	10.47%

e) *Fair Market 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 the major type. The Town chooses a tabular format for disclosing the levels within the fair value hierarchy.

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The Town categorizes its fair value measurement within the fair value hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles. The hierarchy is based on the valuation inputs used to measure the fair value of the assets. 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 measurement as of June 30, 2021:

Investment Type	June 30, 2021	Fair Value Measurements Using		
		Quoted Price in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
Debt securities				
Certificate of Deposit	\$ 4,641,984	\$ 4,641,984	\$ -	\$ -
U.S. Government Agencies	1,212,108	1,212,108	-	-
Corporate Bonds	2,480,621	-	2,480,621	-
Fixed Income Mutual Funds	1,024,814	-	1,024,814	-
Total debt securities	9,359,527	5,854,092	3,505,435	-
Other Investments				
Common Stock	2,512,835	2,512,835	-	-
Money Market Mutual Funds	359,451	359,451	-	-
Total other investments	2,872,286	2,872,286	-	-
Total investments measured at fair value	12,231,813	\$ 8,726,378	\$ 3,505,435	\$ -
Investments measured at amortized cost				
Massachusetts Municipal Depository Trust - (MMDT)	134,028			
Total Investments	\$ 12,365,841			

Certificates of Deposit, U.S. Government Agencies, Common Stock, 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. Corporate bonds and fixed income mutual funds 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 relationship to benchmark quoted prices.

Massachusetts Municipal Depository Trust (MMDT) investments are valued at amortized cost. Under the amortized cost method an investment is valued initially at its cost and adjusted for the amount of interest income accrued each day over the term of the investment to account for any difference between the initial cost and the amount payable at its maturity. If amortized cost is determined not to approximate fair value, the value of the portfolio securities will be determined under procedures established by the Advisor.

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NOTE 4 – RECEIVABLES

The receivables at June 30, 2021 for the Town’s individual major and nonmajor governmental funds in the aggregate, including the applicable allowances for uncollectible accounts, are as follows:

Receivables:	Gross Amount	Allowance for Uncollectibles	Net Amount
Real estate and personal property taxes	\$ 202,351	\$ (11,900)	\$ 190,451
Tax liens	446,422	-	446,422
Motor vehicle and other excise taxes	303,019	(105,900)	197,119
Intergovernmental	1,156,111	-	1,156,111
Departmental and Other	357,735	(190,429)	167,306
Total	\$ 2,465,638	\$ (308,229)	\$ 2,157,409

The receivables at June 30, 2021, for the enterprise funds consist of the following:

Receivables:	Gross Amount	Allowance for Uncollectibles	Net Amount
<i>Water</i>			
User fees	\$ 752,064	\$ -	\$ 752,064
<i>Sewer</i>			
User fees	1,045,307	-	1,045,307
Special Assessments	3,247,259	-	3,247,259
Intergovernmental	577,528	-	577,528
Total	\$ 5,622,158	\$ -	\$ 5,622,158

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Governmental funds report deferred inflows of resources in connection with receivables for revenues that are not considered to be available to liquidate liabilities of the current period. Governmental funds also defer revenue recognition in connection with revenues that have been received, but not yet earned. At the end of the current fiscal year, the various components of deferred inflows of resources reported in the governmental funds were as follows:

Deferred Inflows of Resources Analysis			
Deferred Inflows:	General Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total
Deferred Property Taxes	\$ 566,683	\$ -	\$ 566,683
Deferred Intergovernmental Revenues	-	948,649	948,649
Deferred Other Revenue	359,304	5,121	364,425
Total	\$ 925,987	\$ 953,770	\$ 1,879,757

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NOTE 5 – CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, was as follows:

<u>Governmental Activities:</u>	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balance
<u>Capital assets not being depreciated:</u>				
Land	\$ 6,386,944	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,386,944
Land Conservation	2,653,870	236,478	-	2,890,348
Construction in progress	1,006,175	463,884	-	1,470,059
Total capital assets not being depreciated	<u>10,046,989</u>	<u>700,362</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,747,351</u>
<u>Capital assets being depreciated:</u>				
Construction and improvements	21,940,594	-	-	21,940,594
Infrastructure	4,929,902	-	-	4,929,902
Land improvements	368,420	-	-	368,420
Machinery and equipment	2,375,708	117,830	-	2,493,538
Vehicles	5,595,639	689,378	(33,700)	6,251,317
Total capital assets being depreciated	<u>35,210,263</u>	<u>807,208</u>	<u>(33,700)</u>	<u>35,983,771</u>
<u>Less accumulated depreciation for:</u>				
Construction and improvements	(10,651,935)	(518,152)	-	(11,170,087)
Infrastructure	(2,655,838)	(107,312)	-	(2,763,150)
Land improvements	(362,895)	(5,525)	-	(368,420)
Machinery and equipment	(2,095,133)	(78,157)	-	(2,173,290)
Vehicles	(4,253,299)	(295,658)	33,700	(4,515,257)
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>(20,019,100)</u>	<u>(1,004,804)</u>	<u>33,700</u>	<u>(20,990,204)</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	<u>15,191,163</u>	<u>(197,596)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,993,567</u>
Total governmental activities capital assets, net	<u>\$ 25,238,152</u>	<u>\$ 502,766</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 25,740,918</u>

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Business-Type Activities:	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases & Reclassifications	Ending Balance
<i>Capital assets not being depreciated:</i>				
Land	\$ 351,554	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 351,554
Construction in progress	4,604,492	8,275,737	-	12,880,229
Total capital assets not being depreciated	4,956,046	8,275,737	-	13,231,783
<i>Capital assets being depreciated:</i>				
Land improvements	174,092	-	-	174,092
Machinery and equipment	1,142,322	-	-	1,142,322
Vehicles	428,160	-	-	428,160
Infrastructure	39,626,740	-	-	39,626,740
Total capital assets being depreciated	41,371,314	-	-	41,371,314
<i>Less accumulated depreciation for:</i>				
Land improvements	(139,342)	(5,875)	-	(145,217)
Machinery and equipment	(799,423)	(34,014)	-	(833,437)
Vehicles	(322,533)	(28,803)	-	(351,336)
Infrastructure	(11,457,566)	(971,036)	-	(12,428,602)
Total accumulated depreciation	(12,718,864)	(1,039,728)	-	(13,758,592)
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	28,652,450	(1,039,728)	-	27,612,722
Total business-type activities capital assets, net	\$ 33,608,496	\$ 7,236,009	\$ -	\$ 40,844,505

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

Governmental Activities:	
General government	\$ 27,745
Public safety	377,892
Education	361,167
Public works	187,144
Human services	1,999
Culture and recreation	48,857
Total depreciation expense - governmental activities	\$ 1,004,804
Business-Type Activities:	
Water	\$ 299,949
Sewer	739,779
Total depreciation expense - business-type activities	\$ 1,039,728

NOTE 6 – INTERFUND TRANSFERS

Interfund transfers for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, are summarized as follows:

<u>Operating Transfers In:</u>	
<u>Operating Transfers Out:</u>	<u>General Fund</u>
Nonmajor Governmental Funds	\$ <u>258,100</u> (1)

(1) Represents budgeted transfers to supplement the operating budget.

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NOTE 7 – SHORT-TERM FINANCING

Under state law, and with the appropriate authorization, the Town is authorized to borrow funds on a temporary basis as follows:

- To fund current operations prior to the collection of revenues by issuing revenue anticipation notes (RANS).
- To fund grants prior to reimbursement by issuing grant anticipation notes (GANS).
- To fund Capital project costs incurred prior to selling permanent debt by issuing bond anticipation notes (BANS).
- To fund current project costs and other approved expenditures incurred, that are anticipated to be reimbursed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts through the issuance of State Aid anticipation notes (SAANS).

Short-term loans are general obligations of the Town and maturity dates are governed by statute. Interest expenses for short-term borrowings are accounted for in the water and sewer enterprise funds respectively.

The following is a summary of changes in short-term debt for the year ended June 30, 2021:

Type	Purpose	Rate (%)	Due Date	Balance at June 30, 2020	Renewed/ Issued	Retired/ Redeemed	Balance at June 30, 2021
Business-type activities							
BAN	MCWT Interim Loan	0.00	N/A	\$ 842,807	\$ -	\$ (842,807)	\$ -
BAN	Sewer Lagoon NPDES	1.24	4/16/2021	237,500	-	(237,500)	-
BAN	WWTP Equipment Upgrade	1.24	4/16/2021	1,206,000	-	(1,206,000)	-
BAN	Sewer Lagoon WWTP Upgrade	1.24	4/16/2021	745,750	-	(745,750)	-
BAN	Water Main County Road	1.24	4/16/2021	776,249	-	(776,249)	-
BAN	Water Main Mill Street	1.24	4/16/2021	2,800,000	-	(2,800,000)	-
BAN	Sewer Lagoon Upgrade	0.36	3/16/2022	-	706,500	-	706,500
BAN	WWTP Equipment Upgrade	0.36	3/16/2022	-	1,139,000	-	1,139,000
BAN	Sewer Lagoon WWTP Upgrade	0.36	3/16/2022	-	225,000	-	225,000
BAN	Water Main County Road	0.36	3/16/2022	-	735,393	-	735,393
BAN	Water Main Mill Street	0.36	3/16/2022	-	2,720,000	-	2,720,000
Total Business-type activities				<u>\$ 6,608,306</u>	<u>\$ 5,525,893</u>	<u>\$ (6,608,306)</u>	<u>\$ 5,525,893</u>

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NOTE 8 – LONG-TERM DEBT

The Town is subject to a dual-level, general debt limit: the normal debt limit and the double debt limit. Such limits are equal to 5% and 10%, respectively, of the valuation of taxable property in the Town as last equalized by the Commonwealth’s Department of Revenue. Debt may be authorized up to the normal debt limit without state approval. Authorizations under the double debt limit however require the approval of the Commonwealth’s Emergency Finance Board. Additionally, there are many categories of general long-term debt which are exempt from the debt limit but are subject to other limitations.

The following is a summary of the changes in long-term debt for the year ended June 30, 2021:

Bonds and Notes Payable Schedule – Governmental Funds

Project	Interest Rate (%)	Outstanding at June 30, 2020	Issued	Redeemed	Outstanding at June 30, 2021
Police Station Refunded	2.87	\$ 1,750,000	\$ -	\$ 185,000	\$ 1,565,000
School Building	2.00	988,500	-	210,300	778,200
Fire Pumper	2.87	360,000	-	60,000	300,000
Total Bonds and Notes Payable		<u>3,098,500</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>455,300</u>	<u>2,643,200</u>
Add: Unamortized Premium		70,807	-	7,081	63,726
Total		<u>\$ 3,169,307</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 462,381</u>	<u>\$ 2,706,926</u>

The annual debt service requirements for principal and interest for Governmental bonds and notes outstanding at June 30, 2021 are as follows:

Fiscal Year	Principal	Interest	Total
2022	\$ 447,700	\$ 96,162	\$ 543,862
2023	449,100	79,769	528,869
2024	441,800	63,360	505,160
2025	434,600	47,096	481,696
2026	255,000	32,625	287,625
2027-2030	615,000	39,225	654,225
Total	<u>\$ 2,643,200</u>	<u>\$ 358,237</u>	<u>\$ 3,001,437</u>

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Bonds and Notes Payable Schedule – Water and Sewer Enterprise Funds

Project	Interest Rate (%)	Outstanding at June 30, 2020	Issued	Redeemed	Outstanding at June 30, 2021
Water Storage Tank Refunded	2.87	\$ 245,000	\$ -	\$ 20,000	\$ 225,000
Ext. Village Loop Phase I	2.87	1,845,000	-	160,000	1,685,000
Ext. Village Loop Phase II	2.87	1,315,000	-	115,000	1,200,000
Water Storage Tank	2.00	630,900	-	111,100	519,800
Water Supply System	2.00	5,500	-	2,800	2,700
Great Hill Water Tower	2.87	1,125,000	-	70,000	1,055,000
Mary's Pond Well Replacement	2.87	530,000	-	35,000	495,000
Total Bonds and Notes Payable		5,696,400	-	513,900	5,182,500
Unamortized Bond Premium		205,477	-	28,033	177,444
Total Water Enterprise Fund		5,901,877	-	541,933	5,359,944
MWPAT CW-03-09 Pool 9 WWTP	2.70	5,865,000	-	325,000	5,540,000
MWPAT CW-03-09 Pool 10 Upgrade	2.70	960,000	-	50,000	910,000
MWPAT CW-03-09 B Pool 11 Extensic	2.31	5,100,997	-	266,646	4,834,351
MWPAT CW-03-09 D ARRA	2.00	473,356	-	38,900	434,456
MWPAT CW-03-09 R ARRA	2.00	32,583	-	2,655	29,928
MWPAT CW-13-07 Pool 18	2.00	2,053,607	-	117,271	1,936,336
MWPAT CW-03-09 D Sewer	2.42	260,750	-	13,399	247,351
Sewer Pump Station	2.00	6,700	-	2,000	4,700
Sewer Ineligible Costs	2.00	18,400	-	3,800	14,600
Septic Betterments	2.87	20,000	-	5,000	15,000
Sewer Extensions	2.87	170,000	-	10,000	160,000
MCWT Series 23 CW-18-37	2.87	-	7,002,294	-	7,002,294
Total Bonds and Notes Payable		14,961,393	7,002,294	834,671	21,129,016
Unamortized Bond Premium		178,513	-	12,569	165,944
Total Sewer Enterprise Fund		15,139,906	7,002,294	847,240	21,294,960
Total Enterprise Funds		\$ 21,041,783	\$ 7,002,294	\$ 1,389,173	\$ 26,654,904

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The annual debt service requirements for principal and interest for water and sewer enterprise funds bonds and notes outstanding at June 30, 2021 are as follows:

Fiscal Year	Principal	Interest	Total
2022	\$ 1,528,743	\$ 765,667	\$ 2,294,410
2023	1,556,386	760,063	2,316,449
2024	1,593,052	706,315	2,299,367
2025	1,604,947	624,725	2,229,672
2026	1,639,581	561,568	2,201,149
2027-2031	8,225,836	1,912,451	10,138,287
2032-2036	5,946,031	779,878	6,725,909
2037-2041	1,318,102	401,963	1,720,065
2042-2046	1,364,360	260,251	1,624,611
2047-2051	1,534,478	102,861	1,637,339
Total	<u>\$ 26,311,516</u>	<u>\$ 6,875,742</u>	<u>\$ 33,187,258</u>

Loans Authorized and Unissued

As of June 30, 2021, the Town has loans authorized and unissued as follows:

Description	Date Authorized	Amount
Sewer System Repair	4/25/2000	\$ 14,525
Wastewater Treatment Facility	4/22/2002	1,817,382
Wastewater Collection System	4/22/2002	166,600
Sewer Extensions	4/22/2002	205,913
Total		<u>\$ 2,204,420</u>

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Changes in Long-term Liabilities

The following is a summary of changes in long-term liabilities for the year ended June 30, 2021:

Governmental Activities:	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance	Current Portion
Bonds and notes payable	\$ 3,098,500	\$ -	\$ (455,300)	\$ 2,643,200	\$ 447,700
Add: Unamortized Bond Premium	70,807	-	(7,081)	63,726	7,081
Total Bonds and Notes Payable	3,169,307	-	(462,381)	2,706,926	454,781
Landfill postclosure care costs	550,000	-	(25,000)	525,000	25,000
Compensated absences	821,378	145,095	-	966,473	139,553
Net pension liability	8,457,535	-	(854,590)	7,602,945	-
Other postemployment benefits	9,404,698	-	(535,303)	8,869,395	-
Total governmental activities long-term liabilities	\$ 22,402,918	\$ 145,095	\$ (1,877,274)	\$ 20,670,739	\$ 619,334
Business-Type Activities:	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance	Current Portion
Bonds and notes payable	\$ 20,657,793	\$ 7,002,294	\$ (1,348,571)	\$ 26,311,516	\$ 1,528,743
Add: Unamortized Bond Premium	383,990	-	(40,602)	343,388	38,759
Total Bonds and Notes Payable	21,041,783	7,002,294	(1,389,173)	26,654,904	1,567,502
Compensated absences	156,723	4,051	-	160,774	20,218
Net pension liability	1,265,461	-	(127,868)	1,137,593	-
Other postemployment benefits	223,526	-	(21,293)	202,233	-
Total business-type activities long-term liabilities	\$ 22,687,493	\$ 7,006,345	\$ (1,538,334)	\$ 28,155,504	\$ 1,587,720

The governmental activities long-term liabilities are generally liquidated by the general fund.

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Overlapping Debt

The Town pays assessments under formulas which include debt service payments to other governmental agencies providing services to the Town, (commonly referred to as overlapping debt). The following summary sets forth the long-term debt and short-term debt of such governmental agencies and the estimated share being financed by the Town as of June 30, 2021

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Total Long-Term Debt Outstanding</u>	<u>Town's Estimated Share</u>	<u>Town's Indirect Debt</u>
Old Rochester Regional School District	\$ 2,525,000	27.43%	\$ 692,608
Mattapoisett River Valley Water District	5,340,501	11.00%	587,455
Plymouth County	825,000	2.08%	17,160
Total	<u>\$ 8,690,501</u>		<u>\$ 1,297,223</u>

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NOTE 9 – GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCE CLASSIFICATIONS

The Town has classified its governmental fund balances with the following hierarchy.

	General Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total
Fund Balances			
Restricted for:			
General Government	\$ -	\$ 757,453	\$ 757,453
Public Safety	-	607,917	607,917
Education	-	239,844	239,844
Public Works	-	384,487	384,487
Human Services	-	635,845	635,845
Culture & Recreation	-	110,159	110,159
Reserved for Future Excluded Debt	21,991	-	21,991
Community Preservation Fund	-	1,334,629	1,334,629
Expendable Trust Funds	-	300,441	300,441
	21,991	4,370,775	4,392,766
Committed To:			
Continuing Appropriations			
General Government	366,670	-	366,670
Public Safety	101,262	-	101,262
Education	242,046	-	242,046
Public Works	407,517	-	407,517
Human Services	71,792	-	71,792
Culture & Recreation	51,047	-	51,047
Employee Benefits	6,643	-	6,643
	1,246,977	-	1,246,977
Assigned To:			
Encumbered For:			
General Government	98,014	-	98,014
Public Safety	51,724	-	51,724
Education	164,138	-	164,138
Public Works	175,205	-	175,205
Human Services	17,752	-	17,752
Employee Benefits	1,948	-	1,948
Reserved for Expenditures	1,432,849	-	1,432,849
School Stabilization Fund	370,402	-	370,402
Capital Stabilization Fund	230,469	-	230,469
	2,542,501	-	2,542,501
Unassigned			
General Fund	4,302,017	-	4,302,017
General Stabilization Fund	2,891,352	-	2,891,352
Non Major Governmental Funds	-	(127,328)	(127,328)
	7,193,369	(127,328)	7,066,041
Total Governmental Fund Balances	\$ 11,004,838	\$ 4,243,447	\$ 15,248,285

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NOTE 10 – STABILIZATION FUNDS

The Town has established three funds where the Town has set aside amounts for emergency and capital needs. These funds consist of the following;

- *The General Stabilization Fund* is used to account for any appropriation, as approved by a 2/3 vote at the annual or special town meeting for additions or reductions to the fund. Any interest shall be added to and become part of the fund. The General Stabilization fund balance is \$2,891,352 as of June 30, 2021. The fund was established under chapter 40, sub-section 5B of the Massachusetts General Law.
- *The Capital Stabilization Fund* is used to account for appropriations funding the acquisition, repair, replacement, extension, reconstruction, enlarging and/or additions to capital equipment, vehicles, and apparatus of the Town and pay notes, bonds, or certificates of indebtedness issued to pay for the cost of such acquisition, repair, replacement, extension, reconstruction, enlarging and additions. The Capital Stabilization fund balance is \$230,469 as of June 30, 2021. The Town may appropriate into and out of the fund at Annual or Special Town Meeting by 2/3 vote. This fund was established under Chapter 40 sub-section 5B of **MGL**.
- *The School Stabilization Fund* is used to account for appropriations funding the school district assessment and various school project upgrades. The School Stabilization fund balance is \$370,402 as of June 30, 2021. The Town may appropriate into and out of the fund at Annual or Special Town Meeting by 2/3 vote. This fund was established under Chapter 40 sub-section 5B of **MGL**.

NOTE 11 – CONSERVATION LAND TRUST

The Town maintains a land acquisition fund which was originally established by special legislation in 1998, establishing a property surcharge. The surcharge associated with this fund has since ceased and the Town subsequently adopted the Community Preservation Act, pursuant to MGL. Accordingly, the funds in the land acquisition fund have no future revenue stream other than interest. Town Meeting is responsible for approving any appropriations from this fund. The balance in this fund was \$222,668 as of June 30, 2021. This amount has been reported in the Expendable Trust Fund as Restricted Fund Balance.

NOTE 12 – RISK FINANCING

The Town is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to or destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; employee's health and life; and natural disasters.

The Town of Marion's building and contents are covered under a blanket limit of \$86,041,084 for the special form perils that includes fire and theft and windstorm on 6/30/2021 per the Town's Property Statement of Values. The deductible is \$5,000. Due to the proximity to Buzzards Bay, wind and water, there is a separate Named Storm deductible. It is 1% of the value of the building and contents at the location that was damaged by the Named Storm subject to a \$100,000 minimum deductible.

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There is also coverage for Earthquake with a limit of \$1,000,000 subject to a \$25,000 deductible. There is Flood coverage excluding those locations in flood zones A or V of a limit of \$1,000,000 subject to a \$25,000 deductible. The Town's flood coverage applies to 27 of the Town's 40 properties. The remaining 13 are not covered for Floods.

The Town does purchase Police Fire Accident insurance for the Town of Marion Police and Fire personnel (that are not covered under Mass Workers Compensation). The limit for Medical Expenses is \$1,000,000 with no deductible. There is Weekly Disability coverage of up to \$1,000 a week for those IOD personnel. The policy does include Loss of Life coverage for Accidental Death or Illness in a covered activity at a \$100,000 limit or the McNamara law benefit whichever is greater. Depending upon the COLA one uses the McNamara death benefit if one qualifies is around \$690,000.

The Town did have nineteen claims in fiscal 2021 with a total pending resolution of the open claims in the amount of \$92,366.

The Town is a member of the Gateway Health Group, organized under Chapter 32B, Section 12 of the Massachusetts General Laws to obtain health insurance for its member governments at more competitive costs. The Board of Directors of the Gateway Health Group has oversight responsibility for the fund. The Town of Marion is represented on the Board. The Gateway Health Group Treasurer is the custodian of the fund. The Fund consists of 6 governmental units (4 Towns and 2 regional school districts).

The Group offers several self-insured plan types. For Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Massachusetts (BCBSMA): 1) Network Blue New England HMO plan with dental, 2) HMO Blue Select, 3) Medex 2 with prescription drug plan (PDP), 4) Blue Care Elect Preferred Provider Organization (PPO) plans and 5) Managed Blue for Seniors with PDP. For Harvard Pilgrim Health Care (HPHC): 1) HMO plans, and 2) HPHC Medicare Enhanced with PDP. These plans are administered by BCBSMA and HPHC for a monthly administration fee based on the number of individual, single parent/single child, and family plan subscribers for a particular month.

The Group has a specific excess medical and prescription drug claims reinsurance contract with an insurance carrier covering claims paid on all self-funded plans (except senior plans) in excess of \$135,000 per individual with no lifetime maximum amount payable, for each individual member within any one-policy period. The policy period covers claims incurred within 12 months and paid within 18 months. The Group does not include reinsured risks as liabilities unless it is probable that those risks will not be covered by the reinsurer. Amounts recoverable through reinsurers on paid claims are classified as receivable and as a reduction of claims expense.

The Group provides health care coverage for employees that qualify for and select health care coverage as an employee benefit as well as retired employees. Employees and retirees in the group pay a percentage of an estimated health insurance working rate premium. Town of Marion's employees contribute 50% depending on the date of hire and retirees contribute 50% of the working rate premium. The Town of Marion contributes the remaining 50% of the working rate premium for retirees. There are approximately 56 employees and 76 retirees participating in the plans.

As of June 30, 2019, the Gateway Health Group Trust Fund had total assets of \$671,941, total liabilities of \$1,638,122 (which is \$1,638,122 in estimated benefits obligations), and total net position of (\$966,181).

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The Town is insured for general liability; however, Chapter 258 of the Massachusetts General Laws limits the Town's liability to a maximum of \$100,000 per claim in all matters except in actions relating to federal civil rights, eminent domain and breach of contract. Such claims are charged to the general fund. There were no such claims in 2021.

NOTE 13 - POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS

The GASB Standards for *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions*, requires the following disclosures in the financial statements related to the retiree medical, dental, and life insurance benefits:

Plan Description. The Town of Marion's other postemployment benefits plan ("the plan") is a single-employer, defined benefit, healthcare plan administered by the Town of Marion. The plan provides medical, dental, and life insurance benefits to eligible retirees and their spouses. Town meeting vote is the authority to establish and amend benefit provisions to the Town. The Town has accepted various sections of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 32B to provide 50% of the premium cost of retirees' health and life insurance costs. The Town also contributes 100% of the dental insurance premiums.

Funding Policy. The contribution requirements of plan members and the Town are established and may be amended by Town ordinances. For the period ending on the June 30, 2021 measurement date total Town premiums plus implicit costs for the retiree medical program is \$555,224. The Town also made a contribution to an OPEB Trust of \$100,000 for a total contribution during the measurement period of \$655,224 to be reported on the financial statements for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts passed special legislation that has allowed the Town to establish a postemployment benefit trust fund and to enable the Town to begin pre-funding its other postemployment benefit (OPEB) liabilities. During 2021, the Town prefunded future OPEB liabilities totaling \$100,000 by contributing funds to the other postemployment benefit fund in excess of the pay as you go required contribution. These funds are reported within the fiduciary funds financial statements. As of June 30, 2021 the balance of this fund totaled \$2,487,869.

GASB Statement #75 – OPEB Employer Financial Reporting

Summary of Significant Accounting Policies – For purposes of measuring the net OPEB liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB and OPEB expenses, information about the fiduciary net position of the Plan and additions to/deductions from the Plan's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the Plan. For this purpose, the Plan recognizes benefit payments when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

Measurement Date - GASB #75 requires the net OPEB liability to be measured as of a date no earlier than the end of the employer's prior fiscal year and no later than the end of the employer's current fiscal year, consistently applied from period to period. Accordingly, the net OPEB liability was measured as of June 30, 2021 and the total OPEB liability used to calculate the net OPEB liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2019.

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Plan Membership – The following table represents the Plan’s membership as July 1, 2019:

Active Members	114
Inactive members or beneficiaries currently receiving benefits	<u>80</u>
Total	<u><u>194</u></u>

Components of OPEB Liability – The following table represents the components of the Plan’s OPEB liability as of June 30, 2021:

Total OPEB Liability	\$ 11,559,497
Less: OPEB plan's fiduciary net position	<u>(2,487,869)</u>
Net OPEB Liability	<u><u>\$ 9,071,628</u></u>
 The OPEB plan's fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability	 21.52%

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Significant Actuarial Methods and Assumptions – The plan’s total OPEB liability, actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement, unless otherwise specified, that was updated to June 30, 2021 to be in accordance with GASB Statement #75.

Valuation Date:	Actuarially Determined Contribution was calculated as of July 1, 2019.
Actuarial Cost Method:	Individual Entry Age Normal
Asset-Valuation Method:	Market value of assets as of the measurement date, June 30, 2021
Investment Rate of Return	6.65%, net of OPEB plan investment expense, including inflation.
Municipal Bond Rate:	2.18% as of June 30, 2021 (source: S&P Municipal Bond 20 year high grade index - SAPIHG)
Single Equivalent Discount Rate:	6.75% net of OPEB plan investment expense, including inflation.
Inflation:	2.50% as of June 30, 2021 and for future periods
Salary Increases:	3.00% annually as of June 30, 2021 and for future periods
Cost of Living Adjustment	Not Applicable
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 Table 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 Annuitants projected generationally with scale MP-2016 for males and females, set forward 1 year for females. Teachers: RP-2014 Mortality Table for White Collar Healthy Annuitants projected generationally with scale MP-2016 for males and females.
Disabled Mortality:	General: RP-2014 Mortality Table for Blue Collar Healthy Annuitants projected generationally with scale MP-2016 for males and females, set forward 1 year. Teachers: RP-2014 Mortality Table for White Collar Healthy Annuitants projected generationally with scale MP-2016 for males and females.

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Rate of Return – For the year ended June 30, 2021 the annual money-weighted rate on investments, net of investments expense, was 28.03%. The money-weighted rate of return expresses investment performance, net of investment expenses, adjusted for the changing amounts actually invested.

The long-term rate of return on OPEB plan investments was determined using the Town’s investment policy. Best estimates of rates of returns for each major asset class included in the OPEB plans target asset allocation as of June 30, 2021 are summarized in the following table.

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
Domestic equity - large cap	26.75%	4.90%
Domestic equity - small/mid cap	24.25%	5.40%
International equity - developed market	13.75%	5.32%
International equity - emerging market	6.00%	6.26%
Domestic fixed income	19.75%	1.40%
International fixed income	3.75%	1.30%
Alternatives	5.50%	6.32%
Real Estate	0.00%	6.25%
Cash & Cash Equivalents	0.25%	0.00%
Total	100.00%	

Discount Rate – The discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liability was 6.75% as of June 30, 2021, and 6.50% as of June 30, 2020. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions will be made in accordance with the Town’s funding policy.

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Changes in the Net OPEB Liability

	Increase (Decrease)		
	Total OPEB Liability	Plan Fiduciary Net Position	Net OPEB Liability
	(a)	(b)	(a) - (b)
Balance at June 30, 2020	\$ 11,477,419	\$ 1,849,195	\$ 9,628,224
Charges for the year			
Service cost	222,937	-	222,937
Interest on Total OPEB Liability, Service cost, & benefit payments	742,762	-	742,762
Change in Assumptions	(328,397)	-	(328,397)
Net Investment Income	-	538,674	(538,674)
Employer Contributions to Trust	-	655,224	(655,224)
Benefit payments withdrawn from trust	-	(555,224)	555,224
Total benefit payments including implicit cost	(555,224)	-	(555,224)
Net Change	82,078	638,674	(556,596)
Balance at June 30, 2021	\$ 11,559,497	\$ 2,487,869	\$ 9,071,628

Sensitivity of the net OPEB liability and service cost to changes in the discount rate – The following table presents the Plan’s net OPEB liability and service cost calculated using the discount rate of 6.75% as well as what the net OPEB liability and service cost would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1 percentage-point lower (5.75%) or 1 percentage-point higher (7.75%) than the current rate.

	1% Decrease (5.75%)	Current Discount Rate (6.75%)	1% Increase (7.75%)
Net OPEB liability	\$ 10,265,484	\$ 9,071,628	\$ 7,895,687
Service Cost	\$ 270,964	\$ 222,937	\$ 178,767

Sensitivity of the net OPEB liability and service cost to changes in the healthcare trend – The following table presents the net other postemployment benefit liability and service cost calculated using the current healthcare trend rate of 4.50% as well as what the net OPEB liability and service cost would be if it were calculated using a healthcare trend rate that is 1 percentage-point lower or 1 percentage-point higher.

	1% Decrease (3.50%)	Current Trend (4.50%)	1% Increase (5.50%)
Net OPEB liability	\$ 7,775,676	\$ 9,071,628	\$ 10,636,528
Service Cost	\$ 181,478	\$ 222,937	\$ 277,167

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At June 30, 2021 the Town reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to other postemployment benefits of \$2,147,072 and \$1,527,548.

The balances of the deferred outflows and inflows as of June 30, 2021 consist of the following:

<u>Deferred Category</u>	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>	<u>Total</u>
Difference between actual and expected experience	\$ 1,398,637	\$ (779,320)	\$ 619,317
Changes of assumptions	703,894	(414,374)	289,520
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on OPEB plan investments	<u>44,541</u>	<u>(333,854)</u>	<u>(289,313)</u>
Total Deferred Outflows (Inflows) of Resources	<u>\$ 2,147,072</u>	<u>\$ (1,527,548)</u>	<u>\$ 619,524</u>

The Town's net deferred outflows/inflows of resources related to other postemployment benefits will be recognized in future years other postemployment benefits are as follows:

<u>Year ended June 30</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2022	\$ 68,525
2023	72,436
2024	306,416
2025	223,654
2026	<u>(51,507)</u>
Total Deferred Outflows/Inflows Recognized in Future Years	<u>\$ 619,524</u>

Change of Assumption – The discount rate was increased from 6.50% to 6.75%

Changes in Plan Provisions - None

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NOTE 14 – PENSION PLAN

A. Plan Descriptions

The Town contributes to the Plymouth County Retirement Association (The Association), a multiple-employer, cost sharing contributory defined benefit pension plan, under Massachusetts General Law (MGL), Chapter 32, and is regulated by the Massachusetts Public Employee Retirement Administration Commission (PERAC). Substantially all employees are members of the Association except for public school teachers and certain school administrators.

The Association issues a publically available audited financial report that may be obtained by contacting the association at 10 Cordage Park Circle, Suite 234 Plymouth, MA 02360. The report can also be obtained online at http://pcr-ma.org/pages/PCRA_Webdocs/new/what.

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, 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 <http://www.mass.gov/osc/publications-and-reports/financial-reports/>. The MTRS report may also be obtained by contacting MTRS at One Charles Park, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02142-1206.

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, 2020. The Town's portion of the collective pension expense, contributed by the Commonwealth, of \$1,712,653 is reported in the general fund as intergovernmental revenue and pension expense in the current fiscal year. The portion of the Commonwealth's collective net pension liability associated with the Town is \$13,866,025 as of the measurement date.

The "Association" and the MTRS are contributory defined benefit plans and membership in both the "Association" and the MTRS is mandatory upon commencement of employment for all permanent, full-time employees.

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B. Benefits

The Association and MTRS provide retirement, disability and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Massachusetts Contributory Retirement System benefits are with certain exceptions, uniform from system to system. The Association provides for retirement allowance benefits up to a maximum of 80% of an employees highest three year average annual rate of regular compensation for those hired prior to April 2, 2012. For persons who became employees 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 an employee's age, length of creditable service, level of compensation, and group classification.

Employees who become permanently and totally disabled for further duty may be eligible to receive a disability retirement allowance. The amount of benefits to be received in such cases is dependent on several factors, including whether or not the disability is work related, the employee's age, years of creditable service, level of compensation, veterans' status and group classification.

Employees who resign from service are entitled to request a refund of their accumulated total deductions. Survivor benefits are extended to eligible beneficiaries of employees 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 of Massachusetts' state law during those years are borne by the Commonwealth and are deposited in to the pension fund. Cost-of-living adjustments granted after 1997 must be approved by the Association and all costs are borne by the Association.

C. Contributions

Plymouth County Retirement Association

Chapter 32 of MGL governs the contributions of plan members and member employees. Active plan employees are required to contribute to the Association at rates ranging from 5 to 9% and of their gross regular compensation. The percentage rate is keyed to the date upon which an employee's membership commences. Employees hired on or after January 1, 1979, contribute an additional 2.0% of annual regular compensation in excess of \$30,000. The member units are required to pay into the Association, a legislatively mandated actuarial determined contribution that is apportioned among the employers based on the actuarial valuation results. The Town's proportionate share of the required contribution for the year ended June 30, 2021 which was \$1,198,637 and 25.04% 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.

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D. Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions

Pension Liabilities

At June 30, 2021 the Town reported a liability of \$8,740,538 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of December 31, 2020 and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of January 1, 2020. 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, 2020, the Town's proportion was 1.42%.

Pension Expense and Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

For the year ended June 30, 2021 the Town recognized pension expense of \$1,074,319. At June 30, 2021 the Town reported deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions of \$1,079,718 and \$894,187 respectively.

The balances of deferred outflows and inflows at June 30, 2021 consist 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	\$ 728,645	\$ -	\$ 728,645
Net difference between projected and actual investment earnings on pension plan investments	-	(867,329)	(867,329)
Changes of Assumptions	91,400	-	91,400
Changes in proportion and differences between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions	<u>259,673</u>	<u>(26,858)</u>	<u>232,815</u>
Total Deferred Outflows (Inflows) of Resources	<u>\$ 1,079,718</u>	<u>\$ (894,187)</u>	<u>\$ 185,531</u>

The Town's net deferred outflows/inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in future pension expenses as follows:

<u>Year ended June 30</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2022	\$ 298,650
2023	354,565
2024	(318,789)
2025	<u>(148,895)</u>
Total Deferred Outflows/(Inflows) recognized in future pension expenses	<u>\$ 185,531</u>

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E. Actuarial assumptions

The total pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of January 1, 2020, using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement date of December 31, 2020:

- Valuation date..... January 1, 2020
- Actuarial cost method..... Individual Entry Age Normal Cost Method.
- Asset valuation method..... Assets held by the fund are valued at fair value as reported by the Public Employees' Retirement Administration Commission (PERAC). The actuarial value of assets is determined using a five-year smoothing of asset returns greater than or less than the assumed rate of return, with a 20% corridor.
- Projected salary increases..... 3.75% per year
- Cost of living adjustments..... 3.0% of the first \$16,000 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 both pre-retirement mortality and beneficiary mortality is represented by the RP-2014 Blue Collar Mortality with Scale MP-2016, fully generational. Mortality for retired members for Group 1 and 2 is represented by the RP-2014 Blue Collar Mortality Table set forward five years for males and 3 years for females, fully generational. Mortality for retired members for Group 4 is represented by the RP-2014 Blue Collar Mortality Table set forward three years for males, and six years for females, fully generational. Mortality for disabled members for Group 1 and 2 is represented by the RP-2000 Mortality Table set forward six years. Mortality for disabled members for Group 4 is represented by the RP-2000 Mortality Table set forward two years. Generational adjusting is based on Scale MP-2016.
- Investment rate of return/Discount rate..... 7.875% nominal rate, net of investment expense

Investment policy

The Pension Plan's investment policy in regard to the allocation of invested assets is established by the Board. Plan assets are managed on a total return basis with a long-term objective of achieving a fully funded status for the benefits provided through the pension plan.

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F. Long-Term Expected Rate of Return

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 nominal 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, 2020 are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Long-Term Expected Nominal Rate of Return	Long-Term Expected Asset Allocation
Domestic Equity	6.80%	27.00%
International developed equity	7.10%	4.00%
Emerging markets equity	8.10%	10.00%
Global equity	7.10%	11.00%
Core Bonds	1.80%	9.00%
Value-added fixed income	4.00%	9.00%
Hedge funds	4.30%	6.00%
Real estate	6.90%	9.00%
Private equity	9.10%	8.00%
Real assets	8.10%	6.00%
Cash and Cash Equivalent	0.00%	1.00%
Total		<u>100.00%</u>

For the year ended December 31, 2020 the Association's annual money-weighted rate of return on pension plan investments was a gain of 12.91%. The money-weighted rate of return expresses investment performance, net of pension plan investment expense, adjusted for the changing amounts actually invested, measured monthly.

G. Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.875% as of December 31, 2020. 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.

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H. Sensitivity of the net pension liability to changes on 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 Rate (7.875%)	1% Increase (8.875%)
Marion's share of the net pension liability	\$ 12,090,369	\$ 8,740,538	\$ 6,376,788

Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net pension is available in a separately issued Plymouth County Retirement Association financial report.

NOTE 15 – COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

The Town participates in a number of federal award programs. Although the grant programs have been audited in accordance with the provisions of the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 through June 30, 2021, 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 believed the amount, if any, would not be material.

The Town's landfill was capped in fiscal year 2009. The Town is responsible for post-closure monitoring of the site for thirty years (21 years remaining), and the estimated liability has been recorded in the Statement of Net Position, Governmental Activities. The \$525,000 reported as landfill post closure liability at June 30, 2021 is based on what it would cost to perform all post closure care at June 30, 2021. Actual costs may be higher due to inflation, changes in technology or changes in regulations.

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, 2021, cannot be ascertained, management believes any resulting liability should not materially affect the financial position at June 30, 2021.

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NOTE 16 – COVID-19

On March 10, 2020, the Massachusetts Governor declared a state of emergency in response to the coronavirus outbreak. The World Health Organization officially declared the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) a pandemic the following day. In an attempt to slow the spread of COVID-19, governments issued various stay at home orders that caused global economic shutdowns and substantial financial market impact. Starting in March 2020, the Governor continued to issue orders allowing governments to operate and carry out essential functions safely. These included modifying the state’s Open Meeting Law, issuing a stay-at-home order, and introducing a phased approach to reopening State businesses. The Town is considered an essential business and although it closed its doors to the public, departments remained operational and employees continued to perform their daily duties in-person or remotely.

In Fiscal Year 2021 the Town has incurred unanticipated costs specifically related to the pandemic. On March 27, 2020 the United States Federal Government established the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act in response to the economic downfall caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. This Act requires that the payment of funds be used only to cover expenses that; are necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to COVID-19. The Commonwealth and communities throughout the Commonwealth were awarded a portion of the federal funding. In addition to the funding from the CARES Act, there are several other federal and state grants available to help offset these unanticipated costs.

The full extent of the financial impact cannot be determined as of the date of the financial statements.

NOTE 17 – RESTATEMENT DUE TO A CHANGE IN ACCOUNTING STANDARDS AND RECLASSIFICATION OF FUND BALANCES

Beginning net position of the governmental activities, general fund, and the nonmajor governmental funds have been revised to reflect the implementation of GASB Statement #84 and the reclassification of the conservation land trust and the landfill postclosure monitor. The revised balances are summarized in the table shown below:

	6/30/2020 Previously Reported Balances	Implementation of GASB Statements #84 Fiduciary Funds	Landfill Postclosure Monitor	Conservation Land Trust	6/30/2020 Revised Balances
Government-Wide Financial Statements					
<i>Governmental activities</i>	\$ 19,907,471	\$ (11,180)	\$ 422,747	\$ -	\$ 20,319,038
Governmental Funds					
<i>General Fund</i>	\$ 9,373,924	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (407,575)	\$ 8,966,349
<i>Nonmajor governmental funds</i>	\$ 2,983,862	\$ (11,180)	\$ 422,747	\$ 407,575	\$ 3,803,004

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NOTE 18 – IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW GASB PRONOUNCEMENTS

During fiscal year 2021, the following GASB pronouncements were implemented:

The GASB issued **Statement #84**, *Fiduciary Activities*, was implemented in 2021. Management's current assessment is that this pronouncement did not have a significant impact on the Basic Financial Statements.

The GASB issued **Statement #90**, *Majority Equity Interests – an Amendment of GASB Statements No.14 and No.61*, was implemented in 2021. Management's current assessment is that this pronouncement will not have a significant impact on the Basic Financial Statements.

Future GASB Pronouncements:

The GASB issued **Statement #87**, *Leases*, which is required to be implemented in 2022. Management's current assessment is that this pronouncement will not have a significant impact on the Basic Financial Statements.

The GASB issued **Statement #89**, *Accounting for Interest Cost Incurred before the End of a Construction Period*, which is required to be implemented in 2022. Management's current assessment is that this pronouncement will not have a significant impact on the Basic Financial Statements.

The GASB issued **Statement #91**, *Conduit Debt Obligations* – which is required to be implemented in 2023. Earlier application is encouraged. The primary objectives of this statement is to provide a single method of reporting conduit debt obligations by issuers and eliminate diversity in practice associated with (1) commitments extended by issuers, (2) arrangements associated with conduit debt obligations, and (3) related note disclosures. . Management's current assessment is that this pronouncement will not have a significant impact on the Basic Financial Statements.

The GASB issued **Statement #92**, *Omnibus 2020*, which is required to be implemented in 2022. Management's current assessment is that this pronouncement will not have a significant impact on the Basic Financial Statements.

The GASB issued **Statement #93**, *Replacement of Interbank Offered Rates*, which is required to be implemented in 2022. Management's current assessment is that this pronouncement will not have a significant impact on the Basic Financial Statements.

The GASB issued **Statement #94**, *Public-Private and Public Partnerships and Availability Payment Arrangements*, which is required to be implemented in 2023. Management's current assessment is that this pronouncement will not have a significant impact on the Basic Financial Statements.

The GASB issued **Statement #96**, *Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements*, which is required to be implemented in 2023. Management's current assessment is that this pronouncement will not have a significant impact on the Basic Financial Statements.

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The GASB issued **Statement #97**, *Certain Component Unit Criteria, and Accounting and Financial Reporting for Internal Revenue Service Code 457 Deferred Compensation Plans*, which is required to be implemented in 2022. Management's current assessment is that this pronouncement will not have a significant impact on the Basic Financial Statements.

The GASB issued **Statements #98**, *The Annual Comprehensive Financial Report*. The requirements of this Statement are effective for fiscal years ending after December 15, 2021. Management's current assessment is that this pronouncement will not have a significant impact on the Basic Financial Statements.

**TOWN OF MARION, MASSACHUSETTS
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
PLYMOUTH COUNTY RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION
JUNE 30, 2021**

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

	<u>December 31, 2020</u>	<u>December 31, 2019</u>	<u>December 31, 2018</u>	<u>December 31, 2017</u>	<u>December 31, 2016</u>	<u>December 31, 2015</u>	<u>December 31, 2014</u>
Town's proportion of the net pension liability	1.42%	1.42%	1.40%	1.43%	1.42%	1.42%	1.42%
Town's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 8,740,538	\$ 9,722,996	\$ 10,311,809	\$ 7,657,010	\$ 8,991,145	\$ 8,987,700	\$ 8,260,463
Town's covered-employee payroll	\$ 4,786,787	\$ 4,187,350	\$ 4,562,725	\$ 4,873,884	\$ 4,686,427	\$ 4,394,315	\$ 3,496,608
Town's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of it's covered-employee payroll	182.60%	232.20%	226.00%	157.10%	191.86%	204.53%	236.28%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	67.90%	61.61%	56.11%	65.56%	58.32%	56.76%	58.88%

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 the information is available.

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**TOWN OF MARION, MASSACHUSETTS
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PLYMOUTH COUNTY RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION
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SCHEDULE OF TOWN'S CONTRIBUTION

	<u>December 31, 2020</u>	<u>December 31, 2019</u>	<u>December 31, 2018</u>	<u>December 31, 2017</u>	<u>December 31, 2016</u>	<u>December 31, 2015</u>	<u>December 31, 2014</u>
Statutory required contribution	\$ 1,198,637	\$ 1,051,710	\$ 1,019,533	\$ 973,158	\$ 939,265	\$ 896,935	\$ 828,705
Contribution in relation to the statutory required contribution	<u>(1,198,637)</u>	<u>(1,051,710)</u>	<u>(1,019,533)</u>	<u>(973,158)</u>	<u>(939,265)</u>	<u>(896,935)</u>	<u>(828,705)</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>						
Town's covered-employee payroll	\$ 4,786,787	\$ 4,187,350	\$ 4,562,725	\$ 4,873,844	\$ 4,686,427	\$ 4,394,315	\$ 3,496,068
Contribution as a percentage of covered - employee payroll	25.04%	25.12%	22.34%	19.97%	20.04%	20.41%	23.70%

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**TOWN OF MARION, MASSACHUSETTS
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MASSACHUSETTS TEACHERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM
JUNE 30, 2021**

Schedule of the Commonwealth's Collective amounts of the Net Pension Liability

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts is a nonemployer contributor and is required by statute to make all actuarial 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 total liability.

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Commonwealth's 100% Share of the Net Pension Liability Associated with the Town</u>	<u>Town's Expense and Revenue Recognized for the Commonwealth's Support</u>	<u>Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Liability</u>
2021	\$ 13,866,025	\$ 1,712,653	50.67%
2020	12,304,692	1,492,158	53.95%
2019	11,319,990	1,147,117	54.84%
2018	11,281,522	1,177,485	54.25%
2017	10,897,228	1,111,589	52.73%
2016	10,173,722	825,179	55.38%

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.

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REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS
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Schedule of the Town's Net OPEB Liability and Related Ratios

	<u>June 30, 2021</u>	<u>June 30, 2020</u>	<u>June 30, 2019</u>	<u>June 30, 2018</u>	<u>June 30, 2017</u>
Total OPEB Liability					
Service cost	\$ 222,937	\$ 214,720	\$ 315,342	\$ 218,751	\$ 305,875
Interest on total OPEB liability, service cost, and benefit payments	742,762	491,173	499,122	462,843	566,806
Differences between expected & actual plan experience	-	2,110,409	-	-	-
Changes of assumptions	(328,397)	(213,291)	1,343,797	-	-
Benefit payments	(555,224)	(526,378)	(238,132)	(202,591)	(296,502)
Net change in total OPEB liability	<u>82,078</u>	<u>2,076,633</u>	<u>1,920,129</u>	<u>479,003</u>	<u>576,179</u>
Total OPEB liability-beginning	<u>11,477,419</u>	<u>9,400,786</u>	<u>7,480,657</u>	<u>7,001,654</u>	<u>6,425,475</u>
Total OPEB liability-ending (a)	<u><u>11,559,497</u></u>	<u><u>11,477,419</u></u>	<u><u>9,400,786</u></u>	<u><u>7,480,657</u></u>	<u><u>7,001,654</u></u>
Plan fiduciary net position					
Contributions-employer	655,224	626,378	478,132	442,591	496,502
Net investment income	538,674	48,120	78,519	75,164	75,957
Benefit payments	(555,224)	(526,378)	(238,132)	(202,591)	(296,502)
Net change in plan fiduciary net position	<u>638,674</u>	<u>148,120</u>	<u>318,519</u>	<u>315,164</u>	<u>275,957</u>
Plan fiduciary net position-beginning	<u>1,849,195</u>	<u>1,701,075</u>	<u>1,382,556</u>	<u>1,067,392</u>	<u>791,435</u>
Plan fiduciary net position-ending (b)	<u><u>2,487,869</u></u>	<u><u>1,849,195</u></u>	<u><u>1,701,075</u></u>	<u><u>1,382,556</u></u>	<u><u>1,067,392</u></u>
Town's net OPEB liability-ending (a)-(b)	<u><u>\$ 9,071,628</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 9,628,224</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 7,699,711</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 6,098,101</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 5,934,262</u></u>
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of total OPEB liability	21.52%	16.11%	18.10%	18.48%	15.24%
Covered-employee payroll	\$ 8,511,844	\$ 8,263,926	\$ 8,844,298	\$ 8,586,697	\$ 8,336,599
Plan's net OPEB liability as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	106.58%	116.51%	87.06%	71.02%	71.18%

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

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Schedule of the Town's Contribution

	<u>June 30, 2021</u>	<u>June 30, 2020</u>	<u>June 30, 2019</u>	<u>June 30, 2018</u>	<u>June 30, 2017</u>
Acuarial determined contribution	\$ 707,278	\$ 714,569	\$ 804,882	\$ 657,228	\$ 732,570
Contributions in relation to the actuarially determined contribution	<u>(655,224)</u>	<u>(626,378)</u>	<u>(478,132)</u>	<u>(442,591)</u>	<u>(496,502)</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ 52,054</u>	<u>\$ 88,191</u>	<u>\$ 326,750</u>	<u>\$ 214,637</u>	<u>\$ 236,068</u>
Covered-employee payroll	\$ 8,511,844	\$ 8,263,926	\$ 8,844,298	\$ 8,586,697	\$ 8,336,599
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	7.70%	7.58%	5.41%	5.15%	5.96%

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.

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Schedule of Investment Return

	<u>June 30, 2021</u>	<u>June 30, 2020</u>	<u>June 30, 2019</u>	<u>June 30, 2018</u>	<u>June 30, 2017</u>
Annual money-weighted rate of return, net of investment expense	28.03%	2.72%	5.23%	6.34%	8.54%

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.

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Pension Plan Schedules

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

The Schedule of Town's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability details the allocated percentage of the net pension liability; 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.

B. Schedule of Town's Contribution

Governmental employees 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.

C. Schedule of the Commonwealth's Collective amounts of the Net Pension Liability

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 a revenue and pension expense recognized by the Town; and the Plan's fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability.

D. Changes in Plan Provisions – None

Other Postemployment Benefits Schedules

A. Schedule of the Town's Net OPEB Liability and Related Ratios

The Schedule of the Town's Net OPEB 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 OPEB liability as a percentage of covered-employee payroll.

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B. Schedule of the Town's Contribution

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. The Town is not required to fully fund this contribution.

C. Schedule of Investment Return

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

D. Changes in Provisions - None