



## Key Pillars of Our Budgeting Process

To align our budget with the community's priorities and focus on the results that matter, we have adopted key pillars to guide our budget process.

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1. **Sustainability**

We are dedicated to ensuring our budget supports long-term environmental and economic health. Every financial decision will consider future generations, helping us build a sustainable town.

2. **Efficiency and Effectiveness**

Our goal is to maximize the value of every dollar spent by streamlining operations and focusing on delivering high-quality services that meet the needs of our community.

3. **Transparency**

We will provide clear and open communication about fund allocation. You'll have access to understandable financial reports and updates, enhancing trust.

4. **Fiscal Responsibility**

We promise to manage the town's finances prudently, ensuring accurate cost estimations for service delivery, addressing past budget issues.

5. **Realistic Budgeting**

By accurately reflecting actual expenses, we ensure our budget truly represents the town's financial requirements, avoiding discrepancies.

### Key Pillars in Action:

- **Informed Decisions:** Expect more data-driven, strategic decisions focused on delivering tangible results.
- **Community Engagement:** To ensure that the budget reflects the community's priorities, we will provide updates on the development of the budget in the Town's e-newsletter and advertise opportunities for residents to provide feedback on budget priorities and share questions, concerns and/or ideas at Selectboard meetings, through surveys, and, as always, by contacting Selectboard members directly.
- **Accountability:** Increased transparency will provide better visibility into how tax dollars are utilized, fostering trust and accountability.