



## INFORMATIONAL MEETING - MONDAY, March 4, 2024 (in-person & Zoom)

## AUSTRALIAN BALLOT VOTE (all articles) - TUESDAY, March 5, 2024

**EARLY BALLOTS MUST BE REQUESTED. Go to [mvp.vermont.gov](http://mvp.vermont.gov) or call 802-482-2281, ext. 1.**

### INFORMATIONAL MEETING:

The informational meeting will be held in the CVU Auditorium and via Zoom on Monday March 4, 2024 at 7 pm. At the meeting, residents will be able to ask the Selectboard questions about all the ballot items and discuss general Town business. The link for this meeting will be available at [www.hinesburg.org](http://www.hinesburg.org).

This flyer provides general budget information. For more detail, refer to the annual report or go to [www.hinesburg.org](http://www.hinesburg.org) and click on the FY25 Budget Proposal banner. Early voting is encouraged. **Request a ballot to be mailed to you or a family member via [mvp.vermont.gov](http://mvp.vermont.gov) or 802-482-2281, ext. 1 or by emailing [hroberts@hinesburg.org](mailto:hroberts@hinesburg.org) or [kfrazier@hinesburg.org](mailto:kfrazier@hinesburg.org).**

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### Overview of Fiscal Year 25 Proposed Budget

If all ballot items pass, the total Budget will be **\$5,434,059**. This is a total increase in spending of \$635,350 or 13% compared to FY24. However, due to estimated revenue from the Richmond police contract of \$240,000, it is estimated that the budget as proposed will result in a tax rate increase of \$0.0259 or 4.3%.

Estimated Tax Increase	
Assessed Value	FY25
\$200,000	\$ 51.80
\$250,000	\$ 64.75
\$300,000	\$ 77.70
\$350,000	\$ 90.65
\$400,000	\$ 103.60
\$450,000	\$ 116.55
\$500,000	\$ 129.50
\$550,000	\$ 142.45
\$600,000	\$ 155.40

### Changes from the current budget year include:

- **Highway:** A fourth highway employee is included in the proposed budget. The position had been cut from the current year budget because it had been vacant for several years. That position was finally filled in August of 2023.
- **Police Services:** Hinesburg began providing police services to Richmond in June 2023. A temporary 6-th full-time officer was hired in September as a result. The FY25 budget assumes we will continue to cover Richmond and receive revenue of \$240,000. Due to this revenue, the department's cost to the tax payer is less than FY24.
- **Capital Expenses:** The Capital budget is increasing by \$139,616 to cover payments on a new mini-pumper, fire engine and two highway trucks. This would have been significantly higher if the Selectboard had not used \$250,000 in ARPA funds to decrease interest.

### Total Tax by Budget Area

Budget	Assessed Value \$200K	Assessed Value \$300K	Assessed Value \$400K
General Government	\$396	\$594	\$792
Highway	\$186	\$279	\$372
Police	\$193	\$290	\$386
Fire/Rescue/EMS	\$171	\$256	\$342
Library	\$78	\$117	\$156
Capital Transfers	\$220	\$330	\$440
Appropriations	\$13	\$19	\$25
Total Municipal Tax	\$1,257	\$1,885	\$2,513

Budgeted Full-Time Equivalents				
	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25
Town Mgr	2	2	2	2
Town Clerk	2	2	2	2
Recreation	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75
Planning	2.9	2.9	2.5	2.7
Highway	4	4	3	4
Police	7.625	6.425	6	6.375
Buil & Fac	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.7
Fire	2	2.6	2.6	2.6
Total	21.58	20.98	19.35	21.13

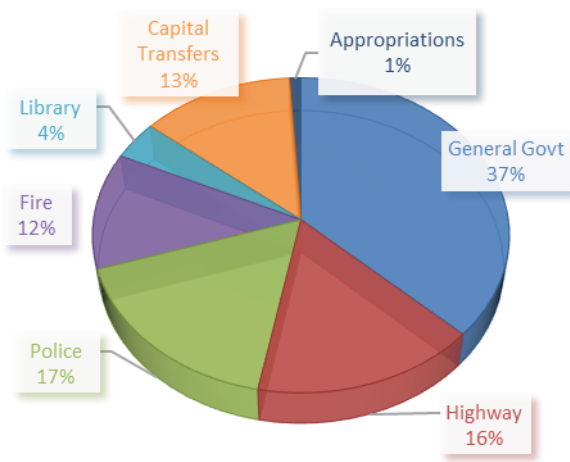
## Annual Town Report

Last year the voters approved posting notices that the annual report was available instead of mailing the actual report. The report can be viewed on the town's website and a limited number of copies are available at the Town Hall and Carpenter-Carse Library.

### Financial Highlights

- At the end of FY23, the town's unassigned fund balance decreased by \$282,228 to \$677,864.
- At the end of FY23, the town's total fund balance decreased by \$170,736 which was \$105,264 better than the budgeted decrease of \$276,000.
- At the end of FY23, the town's assigned capital funds had increased by \$312,810 to \$937,774.
- At the end of FY23, the town's long-term governmental activity indebtedness was \$4,837,390.
- In FY23, the town paid \$110,241 in interest on long-term debt for governmental activities.
- In FY23, the town paid \$98,519 in interest on long-term debt for business (water and wastewater) activities.
- In FY23, actual revenues were \$138,832 more than budgeted revenue of \$4,511,215.
- In FY23, actual expenditures were \$83,568 more than the budgeted expenditures of \$4,060,437.
- At the end of FY23, the town's unrestricted net position totaled \$2,906,228.

**Budget Articles Percentage of Entire Budget**



### Dollars and Cents

For every \$1.00 in taxes, \$0.74 goes to the schools and \$0.26 goes to the town.

## Proposed Budget Comparison to Current Budget

Department	FY24	FY25	% Change	\$ Change
Selectboard	\$93,495	\$100,618	7%	\$7,123
Town Manager	\$209,277	\$235,035	12%	\$25,759
Elections & Clerk	\$183,627	\$197,653	7%	\$14,027
Planning & Zoning	\$250,413	\$275,956	10%	\$25,543
Assessor	\$37,750	\$138,600	N/A	\$100,850
Buildings & Facilities	\$137,136	\$180,712	31%	\$43,576
Police	\$808,074	\$924,944	14%	\$116,870
Fire/EMS	\$623,547	\$629,248	1%	\$5,700
Highway	\$720,583	\$846,806	14%	\$126,223
Town Hall Tech	\$61,250	\$60,850	0%	(\$400)
Landfill	\$50,000	\$77,500	55%	\$27,500
Recreation	\$141,609	\$163,641	15%	\$22,032
Conservation	\$10,704	\$13,710	28%	\$3,006
Town Committees	\$50,305	\$32,960	(34%)	(\$17,345)
Public Health	\$3,300	\$3,300	0%	\$0
Cemetery	\$35,376	\$38,000	7%	\$2,624
Debt Service	\$295,344	\$288,313	(2%)	(\$7,031)
Town Insurances	\$127,000	\$109,500	(14%)	(\$17,500)
Outside Agencies	\$133,053	\$138,030	4%	\$4,977
Library	\$244,000	\$256,200	5%	\$12,200
Capital Transfers	\$582,867	\$722,483	24%	\$139,616
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,798,709</b>	<b>\$5,434,059</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>\$635,350</b>