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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Honorable Select Board
Town of Belmont, Massachusetts

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

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 Belmont, Massachusetts, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023 (except for the Belmont Contributory Retirement System which is of and for the year ended December 31, 2022), and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town of Belmont, Massachusetts' basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

We did not audit the financial statements of the Belmont Municipal Light Plant as of December 31, 2022, which represents 50.7%, 37.7%, and 63.4%, respectively, of the assets, net position, and revenues of the business-type activities. Those statements were audited by other auditors whose report has been furnished to us, and our opinion, insofar as it relates to the amounts included for the business-type activities of the Belmont Municipal Light Plant, is based solely on the report of the other auditors.

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 Belmont, Massachusetts, as of June 30, 2023 (except for the Belmont Contributory Retirement System and Municipal Light Plant which are as of and for the year ended December 31, 2022), and the respective changes in financial position, and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

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

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

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

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

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and required supplementary information, as listed in the table of contents, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with 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 March 25, 2024, on our consideration of the Town of Belmont, Massachusetts' 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 Belmont, Massachusetts' 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 Belmont, Massachusetts' internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Powers & Sullivan, LLC

March 25, 2024

Management's Discussion and Analysis

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As management of the Town of Belmont, we offer readers of the Town's basic financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the Town for the year ended June 30, 2023.

Financial Summary

- The Town's assets and deferred outflows of resources exceeded its liabilities and deferred inflows of resources at the close of 2023 by \$194.6 million, at the close of 2022 this balance was \$177.2 million.
- At the end of fiscal year 2023, the unassigned fund balance for the general fund was \$18.0 million or 12.3% of general fund expenditures, the 2022 unassigned fund balance was \$22.3 million.
- The Town has recorded the liability associated with GASB Statement #68, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions. At year-end, the net pension liability totaled \$64.2 million. Please see Note 11 for more information.
- The Town has recorded the liability associated with GASB Statement #75, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions (OPEB). At year-end, the net OPEB liability totaled \$102.5 million. Please see Note 12 for more information.

Overview of the Financial Statements

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

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

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

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

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

The government-wide financial statements include not only the Town of Belmont itself (known as the *primary government*), but also a legally separate public employee retirement system for which the Town of Belmont is

financially accountable. Financial information for this *component unit* is reported separately within the fiduciary fund statements.

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

Governmental funds. The focus of the Town of Belmont'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 of Belmont's financing requirements. In particular, unassigned fund balance may serve as a useful measure of a government's net resources available for spending at the end of the year.

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

Information is presented separately in the governmental fund balance sheet and in the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances for the general fund, the Belmont High School construction fund, the community preservation fund, and the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) fund, which are the Town's major governmental funds. Data from the other nonmajor governmental funds are combined into a single, aggregated presentation.

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

Proprietary funds. *Enterprise funds* are used to report the same functions presented as *business-type activities* in the government-wide financial statements. The Town uses enterprise funds to account for its water and sewer systems and light plant activities.

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

Internal Service funds are an accounting device used to accumulate and allocate costs internally among various functions. The Town maintains an internal service fund to account for health insurance activities.

Fiduciary funds. Fiduciary funds are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside the government. Fiduciary funds are *not* reflected in the government-wide financial statement because the resources of those funds are *not* available to support the Town's own programs.

Fiduciary fund reporting focuses on net position and changes in net position. The fiduciary fund category is split into two classifications: a pension and other postemployment benefit trust fund and a private purpose trust fund. The Private purpose trust fund is used to account for trust arrangements that benefit individuals, private organizations, or other governments.

The Town is trustee, or fiduciary, for its employees' pension plan and other postemployment benefit plan. The Town's fiduciary activities are reported in a separate statement of fiduciary net position and a statement of changes in fiduciary net position. These activities are excluded from the Town's government-wide financial statements because the Town cannot use these assets to finance its operations.

Notes to the 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.

Other information. In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain required supplementary information concerning the progress in funding its obligation to provide pension and postemployment benefits to its employees.

Government-wide Financial Analysis

Governmental Activities

The Town is able to report positive balances in two out of three categories of net position. As noted below, assets and deferred outflows exceeded liabilities and deferred inflows by \$127.0 million at the close of the most recent year.

	2023	2022
Assets:		
Current assets.....	\$ 101,959,067	\$ 139,908,226
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation.....	445,095,250	397,535,535
Total assets.....	547,054,317	537,443,761
Deferred outflows of resources.....	10,726,098	4,846,290
Liabilities:		
Current liabilities (excluding debt).....	18,391,011	15,699,257
Noncurrent liabilities (excluding debt).....	161,696,900	141,675,158
Current debt.....	8,034,087	8,359,318
Noncurrent debt.....	221,089,805	229,123,892
Total liabilities.....	409,211,803	394,857,625
Deferred inflows of resources.....	21,568,040	37,616,304
Net position:		
Net investment in capital assets.....	225,124,396	205,884,701
Restricted.....	7,573,789	9,598,864
Unrestricted.....	(105,697,613)	(105,667,443)
Total net position.....	\$ 127,000,572	\$ 109,816,122

A significant portion of the Town's net position, \$225.1 million, reflects its investment in capital assets (e.g., land, buildings, machinery, and equipment), less any related debt used to acquire those assets that are still outstanding. The Town uses these capital assets to provide services to citizens; consequently, these assets are *not* available for future spending.

Although the Town's investment in its capital assets is reported net of its related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources, since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.

An additional portion of the Town's net position, \$7.6 million, represents resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they may be used. The remaining deficit balance of unrestricted net position of \$105.7 million

is due to the recognition of the net other postemployment benefits liability in the amount of \$96.8 million and the net pension liability in the amount of \$56.6 million.

The governmental activities net position increased by \$17.2 million in the current year. The increase was primarily due to the recognition of \$6.3 million of capital grants (\$5.2 million of which relate to the high school project), a \$3.3 million net decrease in the Town's pension liabilities and related deferred inflows/outflows of resources, the Town's ability to fund \$5.9 million of capital projects with current year revenues and free cash, the net amortization of bond premiums of \$1.0 million, and a surplus in the internal service fund of \$1.0 million. These increases were offset by an increase of \$602,000 in the net other postemployment benefit liability and its related deferred inflows/outflows and a \$765,000 increase in the landfill closure accrual.

Key elements of the change in net position are as seen below:

	2023	2022
Program Revenues:		
Charges for services.....	\$ 8,614,070	\$ 7,788,726
Operating grants and contributions.....	33,021,711	28,011,814
Capital grants and contributions.....	6,298,217	16,963,634
General Revenues:		
Real estate and personal property taxes, net of tax refunds payable.....	116,428,160	110,786,548
Tax and other liens.....	347,207	468,735
Motor vehicle and other excise taxes.....	3,932,144	3,844,524
Community preservation tax.....	1,567,641	1,500,238
Penalties and interest on taxes.....	245,000	515,183
Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs.....	4,156,408	2,695,133
Unrestricted investment income (loss).....	2,230,226	(361,835)
Total revenues.....	176,840,784	172,212,700
Expenses:		
General government.....	10,056,704	8,795,269
Public safety.....	20,745,095	18,083,861
Education.....	99,166,814	89,471,616
Public works.....	15,756,594	11,663,588
Health and human services.....	1,762,508	1,649,124
Culture and recreation.....	5,798,183	4,524,045
Interest.....	6,720,436	6,465,615
Total expenses.....	160,006,334	140,653,118
Excess (Deficiency) before transfers.....	16,834,450	31,559,582
Transfers.....	350,000	150,000
Change in net position.....	17,184,450	31,709,582
Net position, beginning of year.....	109,816,122	78,106,540
Net position, end of year.....	\$ 127,000,572	\$ 109,816,122

Governmental activities operating grants and contributions increased \$5.0 million from the prior year. The increase is primarily due to an increase of \$1.2 million in on behalf payments received from the Massachusetts Teachers' Retirement System, as well as the recognition of \$3.0 million of grant receipts in connection with the federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

Governmental activities capital grants and contributions decreased \$10.7 million from the prior year, which is due to a decrease in reimbursements received from the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) in connection with the school construction project.

Governmental activities expenses increased \$19.4 million from the prior year, of which \$9.7 million relates to education and \$4.1 million relates to public works. The increase in education expense is primarily due to a \$3.1 million increase in depreciation expense, a \$1.2 million increase in nonemployer contributions made to the Massachusetts Teachers' Retirement System on behalf of the Town by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and a \$2.5 million increase in expenses charged to the state's Circuit Breaker program, which represents state funding to assist with costs related to special education. Education expense also increased as a result of increased spending from the operating budget and from the ARPA grant compared to the prior year.

The increase to depreciation expense was the result of the high school construction project being moved from a nondepreciable construction in progress asset to a depreciable building asset in 2023. The increase in public works expense is primarily attributable to a \$2.1 million increase in expenses recognized in connection with changes in the landfill closure accrual, as well as increased spending from the operating budget and from the ARPA grant compared to the prior year.

Business-type activities

Combined business-type activities net position increased by \$267,000 in the current year. The following tables identify key elements of the enterprise operations:

	2023	2022
Assets:		
Current assets.....	\$ 29,295,415	\$ 34,309,730
Noncurrent assets (excluding capital).....	14,670,685	14,769,232
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation.....	<u>77,034,237</u>	<u>73,227,076</u>
Total assets.....	<u>121,000,337</u>	<u>122,306,038</u>
Deferred outflows of resources.....	<u>2,604,107</u>	<u>2,421,846</u>
Liabilities:		
Current liabilities (excluding debt).....	4,659,834	3,089,217
Noncurrent liabilities (excluding debt).....	13,738,385	14,901,745
Current debt.....	2,907,188	2,846,623
Noncurrent debt.....	<u>26,999,358</u>	<u>29,406,547</u>
Total liabilities.....	<u>48,304,765</u>	<u>50,244,132</u>
Deferred inflows of resources.....	<u>7,653,031</u>	<u>7,104,091</u>
Net position:		
Net investment in capital assets.....	58,486,317	53,697,289
Restricted.....	9,916,949	9,946,424
Unrestricted.....	<u>(756,618)</u>	<u>3,735,948</u>
Total net position.....	<u>\$ 67,646,648</u>	<u>\$ 67,379,661</u>

	2023	2022
Program Revenues:		
Charges for services.....	\$ 41,568,649	\$ 40,443,922
General Revenues:		
Unrestricted investment income.....	351,619	431,285
Total revenues.....	41,920,268	40,875,207
Expenses:		
Water.....	6,807,082	6,595,914
Sewer.....	8,735,107	8,338,089
Municipal Light.....	25,811,092	23,694,592
Total expenses.....	41,353,281	38,628,595
Excess (Deficiency) before transfers and capital contributions....	566,987	2,246,612
Transfers.....	(350,000)	(650,000)
Capital contributions.....	50,000	-
Change in net position.....	266,987	1,596,612
Net position, beginning of year.....	67,379,661	65,783,049
Net position, end of year.....	\$ 67,646,648	\$ 67,379,661

Financial Analysis of the Town's Governmental Funds

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

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

As of the end of the current year, governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$69.3 million comprised of \$33.3 million in the general fund, a deficit of \$521,000 in the Belmont High School construction fund, \$7.3 million in the Community Preservation fund, and \$29.3 million in the nonmajor governmental funds. Overall fund balance decreased by \$41.9 million in year 2023, which was primarily due to timing differences between expenditures and the receipt of grant and bond proceeds for the high school construction project.

The general fund is the chief operating fund. At the end of the current year, the unassigned fund balance of the general fund was \$18.0 million, while the total fund balance was \$33.3 million. As a measure of the general fund's liquidity, it may be useful to compare both unassigned fund balance and total fund balance to total fund expenditures. Unassigned fund balance represents 12.3% of general fund expenditures, while total fund balance represents 22.6% of that same amount. During 2022, unassigned fund balance represents 15.7% of general fund expenditures, while total fund balance represents 24.4% of that same amount. During 2023, the fund balance of the general fund decreased by \$1.3 million. The decrease was primarily due to better-than-expected budgetary results offset by transfers to fund various capital projects.

The Belmont High School construction fund is used to account for the activities related to the construction of the new school building. During 2023, the Town spent \$46.1 million on the project and received \$5.2 million of grants from the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA). As of June 30, 2023, the fund has a deficit balance of \$521,000 due to the timing of the expenditure of grant and debt proceeds.

The community preservation fund had a fund balance at June 30, 2023 of \$7.3 million. These funds are attributable to the Town's acceptance of the Community Preservation Act, which allows the Town to impose up to a 3% surcharge on property taxes, although currently the Town charges 1.5%, and to receive matching state grant funds for specified uses related to the acquisition, creation, preservation and support of open space, historic resources, land for recreational use and community housing. The fund increased by \$631,000 during 2023 due to the net activity of the receipt of both state grants and tax surcharges offset by \$1.6 million of project related expenditures.

The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Fund recognized revenues and expenditures totaling \$3.0 million during 2023 and accordingly did not reflect a net change in fund balance at year-end. The fund reported \$4.5 million of unearned revenue as of June 30, 2023, which will be recognized as revenue when costs are incurred.

Financial Analysis of Proprietary Funds

The Sewer and Light enterprise funds maintained positive results of operations and demonstrated the ability to recover all costs from rates. The water enterprise fund had an overall loss of \$22,000.

The net position of the water fund decreased \$22,000 in the current year. The decrease is due to an operating loss of \$81,000 and interest expense of \$86,000, offset by the receipt of \$145,000 of investment income.

The net position of the sewer fund increased \$54,000 in the current year. The increase is due to the ability to set rates to cover both operational and a capital grant of \$50,000, offset by depreciation exceeding principal payments on long-term debt by \$51,000.

The light department experienced an overall increase of \$235,000 in net position. The increase is related to a 3.2% increase in the sales of electricity sold in 2022, offset by an increase in purchased power costs mostly related to the increasing price of natural gas.

The internal service fund had an ending net position of \$9.3 million, which represents an increase of \$1.0 million over the prior year. Contributions exceeded claim payments by \$685,000 and the fund earned \$348,000 in investment earnings.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

There was a net decrease of \$261,000 between the original and final adopted budgets. This decrease relates to various increases/decreases in the Town's Departmental budgets. The Town's total general fund final budget was \$149.5 million. This consisted of \$140.5 million of revenues and other financing sources and \$149.5 million of expenditures and other financing uses. Free cash was used to close the shortfall in revenues versus expenditures.

Capital Asset and Debt Administration

Capital Asset Administration

The Town of Belmont's investment in capital assets for its governmental and business type activities as of June 30, 2023, amounted to \$522.1 million (net of accumulated depreciation). This investment in capital assets includes land, construction in progress, land improvements, buildings, machinery and equipment, vehicles and infrastructure assets. The Town's major capital projects relate to the Belmont High School construction, DPW/Public Safety building renovations, enhancements to the light distribution plant, road paving and various other infrastructure projects.

In conjunction with the operating budget, the Town annually prepares a capital budget for the upcoming year and a five-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) that is used as a guide for future capital expenditures. The Town annually budgets over \$3 million per year from current-year appropriations for capital projects.

On November 6, 2018, Belmont voters approved a debt exclusion in the amount of \$293,409,189 for the Belmont Middle and High School project. Subsequently, Town Meeting authorized the exclusion by a vote on November 13, 2018, and the Select Board approved the financing on January 7, 2019. This amount was in addition to \$1,750,000 previously appropriated for project design and demolition, bringing total appropriated for the project to \$295,159,189.

The Town spent \$46.1 million on the project in FY23 and project completion is expected in FY24. As of June 30, 2023, \$212.8 million of bond proceeds and premiums had been issued and \$69.2 million had been received in reimbursements from the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA). The outstanding balance related to the project of \$11.4 million will be funded primarily from MSBA grants with any remaining balance coming from bond proceeds. Final financial closeout is not expected until FY25 or FY26, depending on the timing of the final MSBA audit, at which time the final MSBA reimbursements will be received. Bond anticipation notes were issued in November 2023 to provide funds to pay vendors while the MSBA reimbursements are pending.

On November 8, 2022, Belmont voters approved a debt exclusion for the Belmont Municipal Library for \$34,500,000. Subsequently, Town Meeting authorized the project by a vote on November 14, 2022. A debt exclusion for the Municipal Skating Rink was approved by Belmont voters on April 4, 2023, for \$28,653,032 and subsequently authorized by Town Meeting on May 3, 2023. Both projects were still in planning stages at the end of June 2023. An initial round of bond anticipation notes was issued in November 2023 for a portion of both projects.

Debt Administration

Outstanding governmental bonded long-term debt, as of June 30, 2023, totaled \$217.5 million of which \$189.7 million relates to various school construction projects and purchases, \$15.8 million relates to refunding bonds, \$9.5 million relates to the DPW/Public Safety building renovations, \$1.3 million relates to the Underwood Pool construction, and \$730,000 relates to public safety projects and equipment, leaving a balance of \$455,000 for other CIP projects.

The enterprise funds have \$5.2 million in water debt and \$6.5 million in sewer debt, all of which are fully supported by the rates. The water enterprise fund issued \$500,000 of new debt in 2023.

The Town has an “Aaa” rating from Moody’s and a AAA rating from S&P related to the issuance of general obligation debt.

Light Department

The Light Department has \$17.2 million of long-term debt outstanding.

Please refer to notes 4, 6, and 7 for further discussion of the major capital and debt activity.

Economic Factors and Next Year's Budget

A statewide tax limitation statute known as "Proposition 2 ½" limits the property tax levy to an amount equal to 2-1/2% of the value of all taxable property in the Town. A secondary limitation is that no levy in a year may exceed the preceding year's allowable tax levy by more than 2 ½%, plus taxes levied on certain property newly added to the tax rolls. Certain Proposition 2 ½ taxing limitations can be overridden by Town-wide referendum vote. The Town has taken advantage of this override capability to increase operating budgets and so-called "debt exclusions" that are not subject to the Proposition 2 ½ limitations.

The Town collects 99.5% of its property tax billings in the year billed. Property taxes billed were \$115.7 million in 2023, which was a \$4.8 million increase from the prior year. \$941,000 of this increase is the product of the certified new growth of the Town. Within this levy approximately \$13.7 million of previous debt exclusions were paid off.

The Town continues to experience growth in residential renovation and development. In year 2023, 665 building permits were issued, resulting in \$1.3 million in permit fees. This activity has produced new growth tax revenue, which is exempt from the limitation imposed by Proposition 2 ½. For year 2023, the Town realized \$941,000 in new taxes from this source.

The unemployment rate for Belmont as of November 2023 was 2.2% compared to the state figure of 2.9% and the nationwide figure of 3.7%.

Requests for Information

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Town of Belmont's finances for all those with an interest in the government's finances. The Town's annual report also contains demographic and financial information of the Town. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to the Finance Department, Town Hall, 19 Moore Street, Belmont, MA 02478.

Basic Financial Statements

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

JUNE 30, 2023

	Primary Government		
	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
ASSETS			
CURRENT:			
Cash and cash equivalents.....	\$ 75,804,537	\$ 21,470,800	\$ 97,275,337
Investments.....	19,174,019	-	19,174,019
Receivables, net of allowance for uncollectibles:			
Real estate and personal property taxes.....	1,231,727	-	1,231,727
Tax liens.....	1,045,940	45,362	1,091,302
Motor vehicle and other excise taxes.....	213,592	-	213,592
User charges.....	-	4,607,027	4,607,027
Departmental and other.....	557,945	-	557,945
Intergovernmental.....	2,242,095	-	2,242,095
Community preservation state share.....	315,000	-	315,000
Inventory.....	227,212	1,284,258	1,511,470
Prepaid expenses.....	1,147,000	-	1,147,000
Other assets.....	-	76,239	76,239
Purchased power advanced deposits.....	-	1,811,729	1,811,729
Total current assets.....	101,959,067	29,295,415	131,254,482
NONCURRENT:			
Restricted cash and cash equivalents.....	-	14,670,685	14,670,685
Capital assets, nondepreciable.....	16,378,527	2,304,606	18,683,133
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation.....	428,716,723	74,729,631	503,446,354
Total noncurrent assets.....	445,095,250	91,704,922	536,800,172
TOTAL ASSETS.....	547,054,317	121,000,337	668,054,654
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Deferred outflows for refunding debt.....	2,282	-	2,282
Deferred outflows related to pensions.....	10,723,816	2,559,747	13,283,563
Deferred outflows related to other postemployment benefits.....	-	44,360	44,360
TOTAL DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES.....	10,726,098	2,604,107	13,330,205
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT:			
Warrants payable.....	10,205,121	4,085,679	14,290,800
Accrued payroll.....	577,715	30,765	608,480
Health claims payable.....	794,000	-	794,000
Tax refunds payable.....	238,069	-	238,069
Accrued interest.....	1,831,192	88,536	1,919,728
Other liabilities.....	55,067	-	55,067
Unearned revenue.....	4,528,094	-	4,528,094
Customer deposits.....	-	430,004	430,004
Landfill closure.....	65,000	-	65,000
Compensated absences.....	96,753	24,850	121,603
Bonds payable.....	8,034,087	2,907,188	10,941,275
Total current liabilities.....	26,425,098	7,567,022	33,992,120
NONCURRENT:			
Landfill closure.....	6,438,000	-	6,438,000
Compensated absences.....	1,838,298	472,143	2,310,441
Net pension liability.....	56,627,132	7,560,058	64,187,190
Net other postemployment benefits liability.....	96,793,470	5,706,184	102,499,654
Bonds payable.....	221,089,805	26,999,358	248,089,163
Total noncurrent liabilities.....	382,786,705	40,737,743	423,524,448
TOTAL LIABILITIES.....	409,211,803	48,304,765	457,516,568
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Taxes paid in advance.....	3,080,342	-	3,080,342
Contribution in aid of construction, net of amortization.....	-	1,095,663	1,095,663
Rate stabilization reserve.....	-	2,987,192	2,987,192
Deferred inflows related to pensions.....	4,684,509	2,315,956	7,000,465
Deferred inflows related to other postemployment benefits.....	13,803,189	1,254,220	15,057,409
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES.....	21,568,040	7,653,031	29,221,071
NET POSITION			
Net investment in capital assets.....	225,124,396	58,486,317	283,610,713
Restricted for:			
Depreciation.....	-	9,916,949	9,916,949
Permanent funds:			
Expendable.....	1,097,985	-	1,097,985
Nonexpendable.....	3,803,808	-	3,803,808
Gifts and grants.....	2,671,996	-	2,671,996
Unrestricted.....	(105,697,613)	(756,618)	(106,454,231)
TOTAL NET POSITION.....	\$ 127,000,572	\$ 67,646,648	\$ 194,647,220

See notes to basic financial statements.

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

		Program Revenues			
Functions/Programs	Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Net (Expense) Revenue
Primary Government:					
<i>Governmental Activities:</i>					
General government.....	\$ 10,056,704	\$ 1,071,316	\$ 663,028	\$ 1,139	\$ (8,321,221)
Public safety.....	20,745,095	2,229,175	232,774	-	(18,283,146)
Education.....	99,166,814	2,023,125	29,405,126	5,181,788	(62,556,775)
Public works.....	15,756,594	1,599,054	1,354,132	546,469	(12,256,939)
Health and human services.....	1,762,508	132,173	191,024	-	(1,439,311)
Culture and recreation.....	5,798,183	1,559,227	1,175,627	-	(3,063,329)
Community preservation.....	-	-	-	568,821	568,821
Interest.....	6,720,436	-	-	-	(6,720,436)
Total Governmental Activities.....	160,006,334	8,614,070	33,021,711	6,298,217	(112,072,336)
<i>Business-Type Activities:</i>					
Water.....	6,807,082	6,639,549	-	-	(167,533)
Sewer.....	8,735,107	8,578,846	-	50,000	(106,261)
Municipal Light.....	25,811,092	26,350,254	-	-	539,162
Total Business-Type Activities.....	41,353,281	41,568,649	-	50,000	265,368
Total Primary Government.....	\$ 201,359,615	\$ 50,182,719	\$ 33,021,711	\$ 6,348,217	\$ (111,806,968)

See notes to basic financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	Primary Government		
	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
Changes in net position:			
Net (expense) revenue from previous page.....	\$ (112,072,336)	\$ 265,368	\$ (111,806,968)
<i>General revenues:</i>			
Real estate and personal property taxes, net of tax refunds payable.....	116,428,160	-	116,428,160
Tax and other liens.....	347,207	-	347,207
Motor vehicle and other excise taxes.....	3,932,144	-	3,932,144
Community preservation tax.....	1,567,641	-	1,567,641
Penalties and interest on taxes.....	245,000	-	245,000
Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs.....	4,156,408	-	4,156,408
Unrestricted investment income.....	2,230,226	351,619	2,581,845
<i>Transfers, net</i>	350,000	(350,000)	-
Total general revenues and transfers.....	129,256,786	1,619	129,258,405
Change in net position.....	17,184,450	266,987	17,451,437
<i>Net position:</i>			
Beginning of year.....	109,816,122	67,379,661	177,195,783
End of year.....	\$ 127,000,572	\$ 67,646,648	\$ 194,647,220

See notes to basic financial statements.

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**GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
BALANCE SHEET**

JUNE 30, 2023

	General	Belmont High School Construction Fund	Community Preservation Fund	American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS						
Cash and cash equivalents.....	\$ 32,387,797	\$ 7,573,190	\$ 3,122,127	\$ 4,530,173	\$ 19,258,575	\$ 66,871,862
Investments.....	5,168,312	-	4,455,763	-	9,549,944	19,174,019
Receivables, net of uncollectibles:						
Real estate and personal property taxes.....	1,223,333	-	8,394	-	-	1,231,727
Tax liens.....	1,045,940	-	-	-	-	1,045,940
Motor vehicle and other excise taxes.....	213,592	-	-	-	-	213,592
Departmental and other.....	430,617	-	-	-	127,328	557,945
Intergovernmental.....	-	364,135	-	-	1,877,960	2,242,095
Community preservation state share.....	-	-	315,000	-	-	315,000
Due from other funds.....	540,646	-	-	-	-	540,646
TOTAL ASSETS.....	\$ 41,010,237	\$ 7,937,325	\$ 7,901,284	\$ 4,530,173	\$ 30,813,807	\$ 92,192,826
LIABILITIES						
Warrants payable.....	\$ 1,195,567	\$ 8,458,084	\$ 269,365	\$ -	\$ 282,105	\$ 10,205,121
Accrued payroll.....	551,680	-	-	2,079	23,956	577,715
Tax refunds payable.....	238,069	-	-	-	-	238,069
Due to other funds.....	-	-	-	-	540,646	540,646
Other liabilities.....	55,067	-	-	-	-	55,067
Unearned revenue.....	-	-	-	4,528,094	-	4,528,094
TOTAL LIABILITIES.....	2,040,383	8,458,084	269,365	4,530,173	846,707	16,144,712
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES						
Taxes paid in advance.....	3,030,662	-	49,680	-	-	3,080,342
Unavailable revenue.....	2,650,561	-	323,394	-	673,766	3,647,721
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES.....	5,681,223	-	373,074	-	673,766	6,728,063
FUND BALANCES						
Nonspendable.....	-	-	-	-	3,803,808	3,803,808
Restricted.....	-	-	7,258,845	-	25,489,526	32,748,371
Committed.....	2,873,135	-	-	-	-	2,873,135
Assigned.....	12,370,396	-	-	-	-	12,370,396
Unassigned.....	18,045,100	(520,759)	-	-	-	17,524,341
TOTAL FUND BALANCES.....	33,288,631	(520,759)	7,258,845	-	29,293,334	69,320,051
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND FUND BALANCES.....	\$ 41,010,237	\$ 7,937,325	\$ 7,901,284	\$ 4,530,173	\$ 30,813,807	\$ 92,192,826

See notes to basic financial statements.

**RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET
TOTAL FUND BALANCES TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION**

JUNE 30, 2023

Total governmental fund balances.....	\$ 69,320,051
Capital assets (net) used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.....	445,095,250
Accounts receivable are not available to pay for current-period expenditures and, therefore, are unavailable in the funds.....	3,647,721
The statement of net position includes certain deferred inflows of resources and deferred outflows of resources that will be amortized over future periods. In governmental funds, these amounts are not deferred.....	(7,763,882)
The assets and liabilities of the internal service funds are included in the governmental activities in the statement of net position.....	9,285,675
In the statement of activities, interest is accrued on outstanding long-term debt, whereas in governmental funds interest is not reported until due.....	(1,831,192)
Inventory is capitalized in the Statement of Activities.....	227,212
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds:	
Bonds payable.....	(229,123,892)
Net pension liability.....	(56,627,132)
Other postemployment benefits.....	(96,793,470)
Landfill closure.....	(6,503,000)
Compensated absences.....	(1,935,051)
Net effect of reporting long-term liabilities.....	(390,982,545)
In the statement of activities, deferred losses are reported for refundings of debt, which are amortized over the shorter of the remaining life of the refunding bonds or refunded bonds. In governmental funds, defeasances of debt are expensed when the refunding bonds are issued.....	2,282
Net position of governmental activities.....	<u>\$ 127,000,572</u>

See notes to basic financial statements.

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	General	Belmont High School Construction Fund	Community Preservation Fund	American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:						
Real estate and personal property taxes, net of tax refunds.....	\$ 116,384,341	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 116,384,341
Tax liens.....	128,500	-	-	-	-	128,500
Motor vehicle and other excise taxes.....	3,981,666	-	-	-	-	3,981,666
Charges for services.....	3,595,954	-	-	-	-	3,595,954
Penalties and interest on taxes.....	245,000	-	-	-	-	245,000
Licenses and permits.....	1,596,117	-	-	-	-	1,596,117
Fines and forfeitures.....	264,533	-	-	-	-	264,533
Intergovernmental - Teachers Retirement.....	9,347,771	-	-	-	-	9,347,771
Intergovernmental - other.....	12,857,194	5,181,788	-	2,953,307	10,612,435	31,604,724
Departmental and other.....	-	-	-	-	3,557,377	3,557,377
Community preservation taxes.....	-	-	1,576,130	-	-	1,576,130
Community preservation state match.....	-	-	567,936	-	-	567,936
Contributions and donations.....	-	-	-	-	1,652,555	1,652,555
Investment income.....	1,254,399	-	124,354	-	503,178	1,881,931
TOTAL REVENUES.....	149,655,475	5,181,788	2,268,420	2,953,307	16,325,545	176,384,535
EXPENDITURES:						
Current:						
General government.....	4,568,191	-	132,244	164,406	899,165	5,764,006
Public safety.....	14,183,984	-	-	45,562	3,386,104	17,615,650
Education.....	77,200,186	46,131,558	-	1,903,060	11,476,036	136,710,840
Public works.....	12,554,573	-	-	501,230	3,515,648	16,571,451
Health and human services.....	1,001,839	-	-	3,919	353,713	1,359,471
Culture and recreation.....	3,800,349	-	1,505,098	335,130	994,052	6,634,629
Pension benefits.....	10,077,954	-	-	-	-	10,077,954
Employee benefits.....	6,525,785	-	-	-	-	6,525,785
State and county charges.....	2,165,273	-	-	-	-	2,165,273
Debt service:						
Principal.....	7,315,000	-	-	-	-	7,315,000
Interest.....	7,855,502	-	-	-	-	7,855,502
TOTAL EXPENDITURES.....	147,248,636	46,131,558	1,637,342	2,953,307	20,624,718	218,595,561
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES.....	2,406,839	(40,949,770)	631,078	-	(4,299,173)	(42,211,026)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):						
Transfers in.....	2,144,749	-	-	-	8,411,161	10,555,910
Transfers out.....	(5,890,881)	-	-	-	(4,315,029)	(10,205,910)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)...	(3,746,132)	-	-	-	4,096,132	350,000
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES.....	(1,339,293)	(40,949,770)	631,078	-	(203,041)	(41,861,026)
FUND BALANCES AT BEGINNING OF YEAR.....	34,627,924	40,429,011	6,627,767	-	29,496,375	111,181,077
FUND BALANCES AT END OF YEAR.....	\$ 33,288,631	\$ (520,759)	\$ 7,258,845	\$ -	\$ 29,293,334	\$ 69,320,051

See notes to basic financial statements.

**RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds.....		\$ (41,861,026)
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.....	56,355,358	
Depreciation expense.....	<u>(8,795,643)</u>	
Net effect of reporting capital assets.....		47,559,715
Governmental funds report inventories as expenditures. However in the Statement of Activities the cost of those assets is capitalized and expensed when depleted.....		
		(2,260)
Revenues in the Statement of Activities that do not provide current financial resources are unavailable in the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances. Therefore, the recognition of revenue for various types of accounts receivable differ between the two statements. This amount represents the net change in unavailable revenue.....		
		107,954
The issuance of long-term debt provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt consumes the financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction has any effect on net position. Also, governmental funds report the effect of premiums, discounts, and similar items when debt is first issued, whereas these amounts are unavailable and amortized in the Statement of Activities.		
Net amortization of premium from issuance of bonds.....	1,044,318	
Net change in deferred charge on refunding.....	(9,510)	
Debt service principal payments.....	<u>7,315,000</u>	
Net effect of reporting long-term debt.....		8,349,808
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.....	(83,136)	
Net change in accrued interest on long-term debt.....	100,258	
Net change in deferred outflow/(inflow) of resources related to pensions.....	19,456,632	
Net change in net pension liability.....	(16,110,101)	
Net change in deferred outflow/(inflow) of resources related to other postemployment benefits.....	2,473,968	
Net change in other postemployment benefits liability.....	(3,075,662)	
Net change in landfill closure.....	<u>(765,000)</u>	
Net effect of recording long-term liabilities.....		1,996,959
The net activity of internal service funds is reported with Governmental Activities.....		<u>1,033,300</u>
Change in net position of governmental activities.....		<u>\$ 17,184,450</u>

See notes to basic financial statements.

PROPRIETARY FUNDS
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

JUNE 30, 2023

	Business-type Activities - Enterprise Funds				Governmental Activities - Internal Service Fund
	Water	Sewer	Electric Light December 31, 2022	Total	
ASSETS					
CURRENT:					
Cash and cash equivalents.....	\$ 4,311,060	\$ 3,673,073	\$ 13,486,667	\$ 21,470,800	\$ 8,932,675
Receivables, net of allowance for uncollectibles:					
Liens - user charges.....	18,416	26,946	-	45,362	-
User charges.....	1,290,666	1,624,826	1,691,535	4,607,027	-
Inventory.....	326,901	22,698	934,659	1,284,258	-
Prepaid expenses.....	-	-	-	-	1,147,000
Other assets.....	-	-	76,239	76,239	-
Purchased power advanced deposits.....	-	-	1,811,729	1,811,729	-
Total current assets.....	5,947,043	5,347,543	18,000,829	29,295,415	10,079,675
NONCURRENT:					
Restricted cash and cash equivalents.....	-	-	14,670,685	14,670,685	-
Capital assets, nondepreciable.....	533,156	-	1,771,450	2,304,606	-
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation.....	20,967,663	26,874,423	26,887,545	74,729,631	-
Total noncurrent assets.....	21,500,819	26,874,423	43,329,680	91,704,922	-
TOTAL ASSETS.....	27,447,862	32,221,966	61,330,509	121,000,337	10,079,675
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES					
Deferred outflows related to pensions.....	331,608	161,979	2,066,160	2,559,747	-
Deferred outflows related to other postemployment benefits.....	-	-	44,360	44,360	-
TOTAL DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES.....	331,608	161,979	2,110,520	2,604,107	-
LIABILITIES					
CURRENT:					
Warrants payable.....	711,182	8,345	3,366,152	4,085,679	-
Accrued payroll.....	18,006	12,759	-	30,765	-
Health claims payable.....	-	-	-	-	794,000
Accrued interest.....	33,584	54,952	-	88,536	-
Customer deposits.....	-	-	430,004	430,004	-
Compensated absences.....	3,720	4,197	16,933	24,850	-
Bonds payable.....	713,613	783,637	1,409,938	2,907,188	-
Total current liabilities.....	1,480,105	863,890	5,223,027	7,567,022	794,000
NONCURRENT:					
Compensated absences.....	70,675	79,743	321,725	472,143	-
Net pension liability.....	1,483,251	967,247	5,109,560	7,560,058	-
Net other postemployment benefits liability.....	1,128,027	1,159,173	3,418,984	5,706,184	-
Bonds payable.....	4,485,741	5,699,797	16,813,820	26,999,358	-
Total noncurrent liabilities.....	7,167,694	7,905,960	25,664,089	40,737,743	-
TOTAL LIABILITIES.....	8,647,799	8,769,850	30,887,116	48,304,765	794,000
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES					
Contribution in aid of construction, net of amortization.....	-	-	1,095,663	1,095,663	-
Rate stabilization reserve.....	-	-	2,987,192	2,987,192	-
Deferred inflows related to pensions.....	206,917	85,397	2,023,642	2,315,956	-
Deferred inflows related to other postemployment benefits.....	160,862	165,303	928,055	1,254,220	-
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES.....	367,779	250,700	7,034,552	7,653,031	-
NET POSITION					
Net investment in capital assets.....	16,550,332	22,317,974	19,618,011	58,486,317	-
Restricted for:					
Depreciation.....	-	-	9,916,949	9,916,949	-
Unrestricted.....	2,213,560	1,045,421	(4,015,599)	(756,618)	9,285,675
TOTAL NET POSITION.....	\$ 18,763,892	\$ 23,363,395	\$ 25,519,361	\$ 67,646,648	\$ 9,285,675

See notes to basic financial statements.

PROPRIETARY FUNDS
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	Business-type Activities - Enterprise Funds				Governmental Activities - Internal Service Fund
	Water	Sewer	Electric Light December 31, 2022	Total	
OPERATING REVENUES:					
Employee contributions.....	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,979,157
Employer contributions.....	-	-	-	-	13,659,388
Charges for services.....	6,639,549	8,578,846	25,837,680	41,056,075	-
Other.....	-	-	512,574	512,574	90,561
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES	6,639,549	8,578,846	26,350,254	41,568,649	17,729,106
OPERATING EXPENSES:					
Cost of services and administration.....	5,883,784	7,774,118	23,620,099	37,278,001	-
Depreciation.....	837,067	823,604	1,536,429	3,197,100	-
Employee benefits.....	-	-	-	-	17,044,101
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES.....	6,720,851	8,597,722	25,156,528	40,475,101	17,044,101
OPERATING INCOME (LOSS).....	(81,302)	(18,876)	1,193,726	1,093,548	685,005
NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES):					
Investment income.....	145,187	160,307	46,125	351,619	348,295
Interest expense.....	(86,231)	(137,385)	(654,564)	(878,180)	-
TOTAL NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES), NET.....	58,956	22,922	(608,439)	(526,561)	348,295
INCOME (LOSS) BEFORE CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS AND TRANSFERS.....	(22,346)	4,046	585,287	566,987	1,033,300
CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS.....	-	50,000	-	50,000	-
TRANSFERS:					
Transfers out.....	-	-	(350,000)	(350,000)	-
CHANGE IN NET POSITION.....	(22,346)	54,046	235,287	266,987	1,033,300
NET POSITION AT BEGINNING OF YEAR.....	18,786,238	23,309,349	25,284,074	67,379,661	8,252,375
NET POSITION AT END OF YEAR.....	\$ 18,763,892	\$ 23,363,395	\$ 25,519,361	\$ 67,646,648	\$ 9,285,675

See notes to basic financial statements.

PROPRIETARY FUNDS
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

Business-type Activities - Enterprise Funds						Governmental Activities - Internal Service Fund
	Water	Sewer	Electric Light December 31, 2022	Total		
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:						
Receipts from customers and users.....	\$ 7,101,818	\$ 8,736,508	\$ 26,205,692	\$ 42,044,018	\$	3,979,157
Receipts from interfund services provided.....		-	-	-		13,749,949
Payments to vendors.....	(4,220,226)	(6,537,670)	(18,296,018)	(29,053,914)		-
Payments to employees.....	(1,330,934)	(1,288,867)	(3,747,337)	(6,367,138)		-
Payments for benefits.....	-	-	(1,242,954)	(1,242,954)		-
Payments for interfund services used.....	-	-	-	-		(18,227,101)
NET CASH FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES.....	1,550,658	909,971	2,919,383	5,380,012		(497,995)
CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES:						
Payment in lieu of taxes.....	-	-	(350,000)	(350,000)		-
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES:						
Proceeds from the issuance of bonds.....	500,000	-	-	500,000		-
Capital contributions.....	-	50,000	-	50,000		-
Acquisition and construction of capital assets.....	(1,177,447)	(2,650,829)	(3,209,420)	(7,037,696)		-
Principal payments on bonds and notes.....	(702,700)	(772,130)	(1,260,000)	(2,734,830)		-
Contribution in aid of construction.....	-	-	135,771	135,771		-
Interest expense.....	(101,488)	(143,570)	(665,225)	(910,283)		-
NET CASH FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES.....	(1,481,635)	(3,516,529)	(4,998,874)	(9,997,038)		-
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:						
Investment income.....	145,187	160,307	52,018	357,512		348,295
NET CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS.....	214,210	(2,446,251)	(2,377,473)	(4,609,514)		(149,700)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR.....	4,096,850	6,119,324	30,534,825	40,750,999		9,082,375
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF YEAR.....	\$ 4,311,060	\$ 3,673,073	\$ 28,157,352	\$ 36,141,485	\$	8,932,675
RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING INCOME (LOSS) TO NET CASH						
FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:						
Operating income (loss).....	\$ (81,302)	\$ (18,876)	\$ 1,193,726	\$ 1,093,548	\$	685,005
Adjustments to reconcile operating income to net cash from operating activities:						
Depreciation.....	837,067	823,604	1,569,864	3,230,535		-
Deferred (outflows)/inflows related to pensions.....	(603,353)	(342,125)	(466,676)	(1,412,154)		-
Deferred (outflows)/inflows related to other postemployment benefits.....	(28,832)	(29,628)	2,449	(56,011)		-
Deferred (outflows)/inflows related to rate stabilization reserve.....	-	-	(46,400)	(46,400)		-
Changes in assets and liabilities:						
Amortization of contribution in aid of construction.....	-	-	(33,435)	(33,435)		-
Allowance for doubtful accounts.....	-	-	(47,738)	(47,738)		-
Liens - user charges.....	7,511	908	-	8,419		-
User charges.....	454,758	156,754	47,274	658,786		-
Inventory.....	5,073	4,455	-	9,528		-
Other assets.....	-	-	(104,968)	(104,968)		-
Purchased power advanced deposits.....	-	-	(15,975)	(15,975)		-
Rate stabilization and similar.....	-	-	(100,721)	(100,721)		-
Warrants payable.....	528,518	7,852	1,085,452	1,621,822		-
Accrued payroll.....	(33,062)	(9,028)	-	(42,090)		-
Accrued expenses.....	-	-	(1,201)	(1,201)		-
Health claims payable.....	-	-	-	-		(36,000)
Customer deposits.....	-	-	11,300	11,300		-
Prepaid expenses.....	-	-	16,909	16,909		(1,147,000)
Compensated absences.....	6,464	4,040	-	10,504		-
Net pension liability.....	421,972	275,182	-	697,154		-
Net other postemployment benefits liability.....	35,844	36,833	(190,477)	(117,800)		-
Total adjustments.....	1,631,960	928,847	1,725,657	4,286,464		(1,183,000)
NET CASH FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES.....	\$ 1,550,658	\$ 909,971	\$ 2,919,383	\$ 5,380,012	\$	(497,995)

See notes to basic financial statements.

FIDUCIARY FUNDS
STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION

JUNE 30, 2023

	Pension and Other Postemployment Benefit Trust Funds (1)	Private Purpose Trust Fund
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents.....	\$ 5,507,923	\$ 104,613
Investments:		
Investments in Pension Reserve Investment Trust.....	46,457,444	-
U.S. Treasuries.....	782,623	-
Government sponsored enterprises.....	1,367,227	-
Equity securities.....	13,531,177	1,113,350
Equity mutual funds.....	27,806,362	-
Fixed income mutual funds.....	27,996,008	-
Real estate and alternative investments.....	33,179,290	-
Receivables, net of allowance for uncollectibles:		
Intergovernmental.....	724,092	-
Interest and dividends.....	7,299	-
TOTAL ASSETS	157,359,445	1,217,963
NET POSITION		
Restricted for pensions.....	149,647,926	-
Restricted for other postemployment benefits.....	7,711,519	-
Held in trust for other purposes.....	-	1,217,963
TOTAL NET POSITION	\$ 157,359,445	\$ 1,217,963

(1) The Pension Trust Fund is as of December 31, 2022.

See notes to basic financial statements.

FIDUCIARY FUNDS
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	Pension and Other Postemployment Benefit Trust Funds (1)	Private Purpose Trust Fund
ADDITIONS:		
Contributions:		
Employer contributions.....	\$ 12,373,453	\$ -
Employer contributions for other postemployment benefit payments....	4,723,918	-
Member contributions.....	3,053,327	-
Retirement benefits - transfers from other systems.....	801,868	-
Retirement benefits - 3(8)c contributions from other systems.....	774,174	-
Retirement benefits - workers compensation settlements.....	12,749	-
Private donations.....	-	64,293
Intergovernmental.....	33,790	-
	<u>21,773,279</u>	<u>64,293</u>
Total contributions.....		
	<u>21,773,279</u>	<u>64,293</u>
Net investment income:		
Investment income (loss).....	(12,499,580)	261,481
Less: investment expense.....	<u>(826,937)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net investment income (loss).....	<u>(13,326,517)</u>	<u>261,481</u>
TOTAL ADDITIONS.....	<u>8,446,762</u>	<u>325,774</u>
DEDUCTIONS:		
Administration.....	422,087	-
Retirement benefits - transfers to other systems.....	1,081,673	-
Retirement benefits - 3(8)c transfer to other systems.....	507,419	-
Retirement benefits and refunds.....	12,657,815	-
Other postemployment benefit payments.....	4,723,918	-
Educational scholarships.....	-	55,000
	<u>19,392,912</u>	<u>55,000</u>
TOTAL DEDUCTIONS.....		
	<u>19,392,912</u>	<u>55,000</u>
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET POSITION.....	(10,946,150)	270,774
NET POSITION AT BEGINNING OF YEAR.....	<u>168,305,595</u>	<u>947,189</u>
NET POSITION AT END OF YEAR.....	<u>\$ 157,359,445</u>	<u>\$ 1,217,963</u>

(1) The Pension Trust Fund is as of December 31, 2022.

See notes to basic financial statements.

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

A. Reporting Entity

The Town of Belmont, Massachusetts (Town) is a municipal corporation that is governed by a Town-wide elected three member Select Board with staggered three-year terms. The Select Board has the general direction and management of the property and affairs of the Town in all matters not otherwise provided by Federal, State or local laws and regulations. They are assisted by a Town Administrator who has responsibility for general supervision over certain general government operating departments and provides coordination with other Town-wide elected positions (e.g. including, but not limited to the Town Clerk, the Board of Assessors, and the School Committee) and all other Officials, Boards, Commissions, and Committees. A principal duty of the Administrator and Town Management is Town-wide coordination of the Town's annual fiscal budget. The legislative body of the Town is a representative Town Meeting which consists of 288 precinct elected members with staggered three-year terms in addition to certain ex-officio members. The Town Meeting assembles annually to legislate policy and budgets for the local government.

For financial reporting purposes, the Town has included reporting on Government Activities (i.e. general government), Business-type Activities (i.e. Water, Sewer, and Light services), and Fiduciary Activities (i.e. Trusteeships for the Pension and Other Postemployment Benefits funds and the Private Purpose Trust Funds). The Town has also considered all potential component units for which it is financially accountable as well as other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the Town are such that exclusion would cause the basic financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. As required by GAAP, these basic financial statements present the Town (the primary government) and its component units. One entity has been included as a component unit in the reporting entity because of the significance of its operational and/or financial relationship.

Component Unit Presented as a Fiduciary Fund – The following component unit is presented as a fiduciary fund of the primary government due to the nature and significance of relationship between the Town and the component unit.

In the Fiduciary Funds:

- (1) The Belmont Contributory Retirement System (System) was established to provide retirement benefits to Town employees and the Belmont Housing Authority employees and their beneficiaries. The System is governed by a five-member board comprised of the Town Accountant (ex-officio), two members elected by the System's participants, one member appointed by the Select Board and one member appointed by the Board members. The System is presented using the accrual basis of accounting and is reported as a pension trust fund in the fiduciary fund financial statements.

Availability of Financial Information for Component Units

The System issues a publicly available audited financial report in accordance with guidelines established by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts' (Commonwealth) Public Employee Retirement Administration Commission (PERAC). That report may be obtained by contacting the System located at 90 Concord Ave, 3rd Floor, Suite 3, Belmont, MA 02478.

B. Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

Government-Wide Financial Statements

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

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

Fund Financial Statements

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

Major Fund Criteria

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

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

Internal service funds and fiduciary funds are reported by fund type.

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

Government-Wide Financial Statements

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

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

Program revenues include the following:

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

Taxes and other items not identifiable as program revenues are reported as general revenues. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from the government-wide financial statements. However, the effect of interfund services provided and used between functions is not eliminated as the elimination of these charges would distort the direct costs and program revenues reported for the functions affected.

Fund Financial Statements

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

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

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

The following major governmental funds are reported:

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

The *Belmont High School construction fund* accounts for activity related to the construction of the new High and Middle Schools.

On November 6, 2018, Belmont voters approved a debt exclusion in the amount of \$293,409,189 for the Belmont Middle and High School project. Subsequently, Town Meeting authorized the exclusion by a vote on November 13, 2018, and the Select Board approved the financing on January 7, 2019. This amount was in addition to \$1,750,000 previously appropriated for project design and demolition, bringing total appropriated for the project to \$295,159,189.

The Town spent \$46.1 million on the project in FY23 and project completion is expected in FY24. As of June 30, 2023, \$212.8 million of bond proceeds and premiums had been issued and \$69.2 million had been received in

reimbursements from the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA). The outstanding balance related to the project of \$11.4 million will be funded primarily from MSBA grants with any remaining balance coming from bond proceeds. Final financial closeout is not expected until FY25 or FY26, depending on the timing of the final MSBA audit, at which time the final MSBA reimbursements will be received. Bond anticipation notes were issued in November 2023 to provide funds to pay vendors while the MSBA reimbursements are pending.

The *community preservation fund* is used to account for funds held for uses restricted by law for community preservation purposes. These funds are attributable to the Town's acceptance of the Community Preservation Act, which allows the Town to impose up to a 3% surcharge, (currently the Town only charges 1.5%), on property taxes and to receive matching state grant funds for specified uses related to the acquisition, creation, preservation and support of open space, historic resources, land for recreational use and affordable housing.

The *American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Fund* is used to account for federal funding awarded to the Town in response to the Coronavirus Pandemic. Funding received is not earned until costs are incurred, therefore until spending occurs funds received are reported as unearned revenue.

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

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

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

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

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

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

The following major proprietary funds are reported:

The *water enterprise fund* is used to account for the water activities.

The *sewer enterprise fund* is used to account for the sewer activities.

The electric *light enterprise fund* is used to account for the Town's electric light department activities.

The *internal service fund* is used to account for the financing of services provided by one department to other departments or governmental units. This fund is used to account for risk financing activities related to the self-insured employee health program.

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

The following fiduciary fund types are reported:

The *pension trust fund* is used to account for the activities of the System, which accumulates resources to provide pension benefits to eligible retirees and their beneficiaries.

The *other postemployment benefit trust fund* is a fund established under special legislation to accumulate resources to provide funding for future OPEB (other postemployment benefits) liabilities.

The *private-purpose trust fund* is used to account for trust arrangements that exclusively benefit individuals, private organizations, or other governments. Some of these trusts have donor restrictions and trustee policies that do not allow the endowment portion and any unrealized appreciation to be spent. The donor restrictions and trustee policies only allow the trustees to authorize spending of the realized investment earnings. The Town's educational scholarship trusts are accounted for in this fund.

D. Cash and Investments

Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

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

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.

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 2 for further details.

F. Accounts Receivable

Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

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

Real Estate, Personal Property Taxes and Tax Liens

Real estate and personal property taxes are levied and based on values assessed on January 1st of every year. Assessed values are established by the Board of Assessor's for 100% of the estimated fair market value. Taxes are due on August 1st, November 1st, February 1st, and May 1st and are subject to penalties and interest if they are not paid by the respective due date. Real estate and personal property taxes levied are recorded as receivables in the year of the levy.

Real estate tax liens are processed during the year on delinquent properties and are recorded as receivables in the year they are processed.

Real estate receivables are secured via the tax lien process and are considered 100% collectible. Accordingly, an allowance for 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.

Motor Vehicle Excise

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

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

Water and Sewer

User fees are levied quarterly based on individual 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 every year and included as a lien on the property owner's tax bill. Water and Sewer charges and liens are recorded as receivables in the year of the levy.

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

Departmental and Other

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

Intergovernmental

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

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

Sale of Electricity

Revenues from the sale of electricity are recorded on the basis of bills rendered from monthly readings taken on a cycle basis. The revenues are based on rates established by Belmont Light which are applied to customers' consumption of electricity.

Belmont's rates contain an adjustable component pursuant to which increased power costs (power costs in excess of amounts recovered through base rates) are billable to customers.

The allowance for uncollectibles is estimated based on a history of past write-offs and collections and current credit conditions.

G. Inventories

Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

Inventories are recorded as expenditures at the time of purchase in the fund financial statements. Such inventories are capitalized in the government-wide financial statements and carried at cost. Inventories of the Light Fund are carried at average cost.

H. Capital Assets

Government-Wide and Proprietary Fund Financial Statements

Capital assets, which include land, construction in progress, land improvements, buildings, machinery and equipment, vehicles and infrastructure (e.g., roads, water mains, sewer mains, and similar items), are reported in the applicable governmental or business-type activity column of the government-wide financial statements, and the proprietary fund financial statements. Capital assets are recorded at historical cost, or at estimated historical cost, if actual historical cost is not available. Donated capital assets, donated works of art, historical treasures and similar assets, and capital assets received in service concession arrangements are recorded at acquisition value. 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.

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

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

<u>Capital Asset Type</u>	<u>Estimated Useful Life (in years)</u>
Land improvements.....	20
Buildings.....	40-50
Machinery and equipment.....	5-20
Vehicles.....	5-15
Infrastructure.....	15-100

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.

The fixed assets of the municipal light enterprise fund are capitalized upon purchase and depreciated at a rate of 3% of the cost of plant in service at the beginning of the calendar year, exclusive of land and land rights. The municipal light enterprise fund charges maintenance to expense when incurred. Replacements and betterments are charged to fixed assets.

Governmental Fund Financial Statements

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

I. Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

Government-Wide Financial Statements (Net Position)

In addition to assets, the statement of net position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *deferred outflows of resources*, 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 has reported deferred outflows of resources related to debt refunding, pensions and postemployment benefits.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of net position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *deferred inflows of resources*, 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 has reported deferred inflows of resources related to taxes paid in advance, pensions, postemployment benefits, contribution in aid of construction, and the rate stabilization reserve.

Governmental Fund 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 reported taxes paid in advance and unavailable revenue as deferred inflows of resources in the governmental funds balance sheet.

J. Unavailable Revenue

Unavailable revenue at the governmental fund financial statement level represents billed receivables that do not meet the availability criterion in accordance with the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Unavailable revenue is recognized as revenue in the conversion to the entity-wide (full accrual) financial statements.

K. Interfund Receivables and Payables

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

Government-Wide Financial Statements

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

L. Interfund Transfers

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

Government-Wide Financial Statements

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

Fund Financial Statements

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

M. Net Position and Fund Equity*Government-Wide Financial Statements (Net position)*

Net position reported as "net investment in capital assets" includes capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, less the principal balance of outstanding debt used to acquire capital assets. Unspent proceeds of capital related debt are not considered to be capital assets. Outstanding debt related to future reimbursements from the state's school building program is not considered to be capital related debt.

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

Net position has been “restricted for” the following:

“Depreciation” – represents amounts restricted in the Electric Light Fund for the statutory reserve for funded depreciation.

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

“Permanent funds – nonexpendable” represents the endowment portion of donor restricted trusts that support governmental programs.

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

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

Fund Financial Statements (Fund Balances)

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

The governmental fund balance classifications are as follows:

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

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

“Committed” fund balance includes amounts that can only be used for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the government’s highest level of decision-making authority. Town meeting is the highest level of decision-making authority for the government that can, by adoption of an ordinance prior to the end of the year, commit fund balance. Once adopted, the limitation imposed by the ordinance remains in place until a similar action is taken (the adoption of another ordinance) to remove or revise the limitation.

“Assigned” fund balance includes amounts that are constrained by the Town’s intent to be used for specific purposes but are neither restricted nor committed. The Select Board has by resolution authorized the Town Accountant to assign fund balance. The Board may also assign fund balance as it does when appropriating fund balance to cover a gap between estimated revenue and appropriations in the subsequent year’s budget. Unlike commitments, assignments generally only exist temporarily. In other words, an additional action does not normally have to be taken for the removal of an assignment.

“Unassigned” fund balance includes the residual classification for the general fund. This classification represents fund balance that has not been assigned to other funds and that has not been restricted, committed, or assigned to specific purposes within the general fund.

Sometimes the Town will fund outlays for a particular purpose from different components of fund balance. In order to calculate the amounts to report as restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned fund balances in the governmental fund financial statements a flow assumption must be made about the order in which the resources are considered to be applied. When different components of fund balance can be used for the same purpose, it is the Town’s policy to consider restricted fund balance to have been depleted first, followed by committed fund balance, and assigned fund balance. Unassigned fund balance is applied last.

N. 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 both the Belmont Contributory Retirement System and the Massachusetts Teachers’ Retirement System and additions to/deductions from the Systems’ fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the Systems. 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.

O. 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.

P. Investment Income

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

Investment income from proprietary funds, trust funds, and internal service funds is retained within the respective fund.

Q. Compensated Absences

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

Government-Wide and Proprietary Fund Financial Statements

Vested or accumulated vacation and sick leave are reported as liabilities and expensed as incurred. Sick leave though accrued is expensed as incurred. There is no obligation to pay for sick time upon termination of employment.

Governmental Fund Financial Statements

Vested or accumulated vacation and sick leave, which will be liquidated with expendable available financial resources, are reported as expenditures and fund liabilities upon maturity of the liability.

R. Use of Estimates*Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements*

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

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 the equivalent of consolidated financial information.

NOTE 2 – CASH AND INVESTMENTS

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

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

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

Custodial Credit Risk - Deposits

In the case of deposits, this is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the Town's deposits may not be returned to it. The Town does not have a formal policy for custodial credit risk, however the Treasurer periodically reviews the Veribanc ratings and overall performance of each financial institution. At year-end, the carrying amount of deposits totaled \$96,877,571 and the bank balance totaled \$107,813,339. Of the bank balance, \$2,692,435 was covered by Federal Depository Insurance, \$6,307,711 was covered by the Depositor's Insurance Fund, \$500,000 was covered by the Securities Investor Protection Corporation, \$18,006,455 was covered by an Insured Cash Sweep, \$57,668,289 was insured/collateralized and \$22,638,449 was exposed to custodial credit risk because it was uninsured and uncollateralized.

At December 31, 2022, the carrying amount of the Retirement System's deposits totaled \$5,265,461 and the bank balance totaled \$5,400,175. All of the bank balance was covered by Federal Depository Insurance.

Investments

Following are the investments of the Town as of June 30, 2023, and the Retirement System as of December 31, 2022.

Town's Investments:

Investment Type	Fair value	Maturities		Quality Rating
		Under 1 Year	1-5 Years	
Debt securities:				
U.S. treasury bonds.....	\$ 7,839,308	\$ 7,839,308	\$ -	AAA
Government sponsored enterprises.....	6,437,427	6,051,769	385,658	AA+
Total debt securities.....	14,276,735	\$ 13,891,077	\$ 385,658	
Other investments:				
Equity securities.....	10,936,871			
Equity mutual funds.....	1,163,682			
Negotiable Certificates of Deposit.....	1,379,138			
MMDT - Cash portfolio.....	15,415,526			
Total investments.....	\$ 43,171,952			

Retirement System's Investments:

		<u>Maturities</u>	
<u>Investment Type</u>	<u>Fair value</u>	<u>6-10 Years</u>	<u>Quality Rating</u>
<u>Debt securities:</u>			
Loomis Sayles Multisector Fund.....	\$ 14,993,589	\$ 14,993,589	BBB
Carillon Reams Core Plus Bond Fund....	<u>13,002,419</u>	<u>13,002,419</u>	AA
Total debt securities.....	27,996,008	<u>\$ 27,996,008</u>	
<u>Other investments:</u>			
AEW Core Property Trust.....	4,914,111		
Equity securities.....	8,211,970		
PIMCO All Asset Fund.....	11,456,688		
Equity Commingled Funds.....	27,806,362		
Private Equity.....	16,808,491		
PRIT Hedge Fund Account.....	7,782,078		
PRIT Real Estate Fund.....	13,969,396		
PRIT International Equity Fund.....	12,909,947		
PRIT Emerging Markets.....	8,427,020		
PRIT Fund.....	<u>3,369,003</u>		
Total investments.....	\$ 143,651,074		

Custodial Credit Risk – Investments

For an investment, this is the risk that, in the event of a failure by the counterparty, the Town will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral security that are in possession of an outside party. Investments in external investment pools and in open-end mutual funds are not exposed to custodial credit risks because their existence is not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book entry form. Of the Town's investments in U.S. Treasury bonds, government sponsored enterprises and equity securities the Town has a custodial credit risk exposure of \$25,213,606 because the related securities are uninsured, unregistered and held by the counterparty.

The Town's investment policy states that before conducting any business with a brokerage house, the Town must obtain a copy of their latest audited financial statement, proof of National Association of Security Dealers certification and proof of credit worthiness, which the Town defines as at least five years in operation and minimum capital of \$10 million.

The Retirement System has custodial credit risk exposure of \$8,211,970 because the related equity securities are uninsured, unregistered and held by the counterparty.

The Retirement System limits its custodial credit risk by utilizing an institutional custodial bank, currently M&T Bank. Assets held in commingled fund accounts are also held in a similar fashion, with individual fund securities held in the fund's name at their custodian bank. A small percentage of the Retirement System's assets (typically less than 5%) may be held from time to time in commingled cash equivalent vehicles where the assets are subject to counterparty risk.

Interest Rate Risk

The Town's investment policy states that safety of principal is the foremost objective, followed by liquidity and then yield. Investments shall be made to achieve the best rate of return, taking into account safety and liquidity constraints, as well as legal requirements while not explicitly limiting the maturities of allowable investments.

The Retirement System's fixed income assets are held in professionally managed, institutional commingled funds. The Retirement System limits its effective exposure to interest rate risk by benchmarking its commingled fixed income investment accounts to an intermediate duration benchmark (LB Aggregate) with a duration of 4-5 years. Further, the Retirement System's current fixed income investments are diversified by sector (corporate, government, asset-backed, mortgage, non-US dollar) to provide additional protection in various interest rate environments.

The Town invests in the MMDT cash portfolio. The cash portfolio had a weighted average maturity of 33 days.

The System participates in PRIT. The effective weighted duration rate for PRIT investments ranged from 1.98 to 14.64 years.

Credit Risk

The Town's investment policy seeks to lessen the credit risk associated with certain types of investments through diversification and prudent selection of investments in line with MGL CH 44 Sec. 55B.

The Retirement System has a policy that states no more than 20% of the fixed income assets may be invested in below investment grade securities (rated BBB by Standard & Poor's) and the average duration of the fixed income portfolio cannot be more than 20% higher than the market as measured by the Barclay's Capital Aggregate Bond Index.

Concentration of Credit Risk

The Town places a limit of 10% on the amount the Town may invest in any one issuer. The Town does not have more than 10% of its investments with any one issuer as of June 30, 2023. For the Retirement System, no fixed income security, except issues of the U. S. Government, can comprise more than 5% of the Retirement Systems assets, measured at market; and no individual portfolio can hold more than 5% of its assets in securities of any single entity, except issues of the U. S. Government. Further, no equity security can comprise more than 5% of the equity portfolio measured at book value. The Retirement System does have investments in individual commingled mutual funds and trusts that represent more than 5% of the Retirement System's assets, but in each case these investments are in institutional commingled funds that are invested in diversified portfolios of between 50 and 200 individual securities.

Foreign Currency Risk

The Retirement System's exposure to foreign currency risk is attributable to its investments in individual commingled mutual funds and trusts that are invested in diversified (by country and security) portfolios on international stocks and bonds that are denominated in foreign currencies. The Retirement System's combined policy target allocation to all non-US securities is currently 15% of the Retirement System's total assets (12% international equities and 3% international bonds).

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 major type. The Town chooses a tabular format for disclosing the levels within the fair value hierarchy.

The Town categorizes its fair value measurements within the fair value hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles. The hierarchy is based on the valuation inputs used to measure the fair value of

the asset. Level 1 inputs are quoted prices in active markets for identical assets; Level 2 inputs are significant other observable inputs; Level 3 inputs are significant unobservable inputs.

The Town has the following recurring fair value measurements as of June 30, 2023:

Investment Type	June 30, 2023	Fair Value Measurements Using		
		Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
Investments measured at fair value:				
<u>Debt securities:</u>				
U.S. treasury bonds.....	\$ 7,839,308	\$ 7,839,308	\$ -	\$ -
Government sponsored enterprises.....	6,437,427	6,437,427	-	-
Total debt securities.....	14,276,735	14,276,735	-	-
<u>Other investments:</u>				
Equity securities.....	10,936,871	10,936,871	-	-
Equity mutual funds.....	1,163,682	1,163,682	-	-
Negotiable Certificates of Deposit.....	1,379,138	1,379,138	-	-
Total other investments.....	13,479,691	13,479,691	-	-
Total investments measured at fair value.....	27,756,426	\$ 27,756,426	\$ -	\$ -
Investments measured at amortized cost:				
MMDT - Cash portfolio.....	15,415,526			
Total investments.....	\$ 43,171,952			

U.S. treasury bonds, government sponsored enterprises, equity securities, equity mutual funds and negotiable certificates of deposit classified in Level 1 of the fair value hierarchy are valued using prices quoted in active markets for those securities.

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.

Retirement System

The retiree pension defined benefit plan holds significant amounts of investments that are measured at fair value on a recurring basis. Because investing is a key part of the plan's activities, the plan shows greater disaggregation in its disclosures. The plan chooses a tabular format for disclosing the levels within the fair value hierarchy.

The System categorizes its fair value measurements within the fair value hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles.

The System has the following recurring fair value measurements as of December 31, 2022:

Investment Type	December 31, 2022	Fair Value Measurements Using		
		Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
Investments measured at fair value:				
<u>Debt securities:</u>				
Loomis Sayles Multisector Bond Fund..... \$	14,993,589	\$ 14,993,589	\$ -	\$ -
Carillon Reams Core Plus Bond Fund.....	13,002,419	13,002,419	-	-
Total debt securities.....	27,996,008	27,996,008	-	-
<u>Other investments:</u>				
Equity securities.....	8,211,970	8,211,970	-	-
PIMCO All Asset Fund.....	11,456,688	11,456,688	-	-
Equity commingled funds.....	27,806,362	27,806,362	-	-
Private equity.....	16,808,491	-	-	16,808,491
AEW Core Property Trust.....	4,914,111	-	-	4,914,111
Total other investments.....	69,197,622	47,475,020	-	21,722,602
Total investments measured at fair value.....	97,193,630	\$ 75,471,028	\$ -	\$ 21,722,602
Investments measured at net asset value:				
Pension Reserve Investment Trust (PRIT).....	46,457,444			
Total investments.....	\$ 143,651,074			

Equity and fixed income mutual funds and equity securities classified in Level 1 of the fair value hierarchy are valued using prices quoted in active markets for those securities. Real estate and private equity investments in level 3 are valued using either a discounted cash flow or market comparable companies' technique.

PRIT Investments are valued using the net asset value method. This investment pool was established by the Treasurer of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, who serves as Trustee. PRIT is administered by the Pension Reserves Investment Management Board (PRIM). The fair values of the positions in each investment Pool are the same as the value of each Pool's shares. The System does not have the ability to control any of the investment decisions relative to its funds in PRIT.

NOTE 3 – RECEIVABLES

Receivables as of June 30, 2023, for the individual major and nonmajor governmental funds, including the applicable allowances for uncollectible accounts, are as follows:

	Gross Amount	Allowance for Uncollectibles	Net Amount
<u>Receivables:</u>			
Real estate and personal property taxes.....	\$ 1,233,777	\$ (2,050)	\$ 1,231,727
Tax liens.....	1,045,940	-	1,045,940
Motor vehicle and other excise taxes.....	531,529	(317,937)	213,592
Departmental and other.....	557,945	-	557,945
Intergovernmental.....	2,242,095	-	2,242,095
Community preservation state share.....	315,000	-	315,000
Total.....	\$ 5,926,286	\$ (319,987)	\$ 5,606,299

Receivables for the enterprise funds consist of the following:

	Gross Amount	Allowance for Uncollectibles	Net Amount
<u>Receivables:</u>			
Water liens - user charges.....	\$ 18,416	\$ -	\$ 18,416
Water user charges.....	1,290,666	-	1,290,666
Sewer liens - user charges.....	26,946	-	26,946
Sewer user charges.....	1,624,826	-	1,624,826
Electric light user charges.....	1,911,998	(220,463)	1,691,535
Total.....	\$ 4,872,852	\$ (220,463)	\$ 4,652,389

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

	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total
<u>Receivables:</u>			
Real estate and personal property taxes.....	\$ 960,412	\$ 8,394	\$ 968,806
Tax liens.....	1,045,940	-	1,045,940
Motor vehicle and other excise taxes.....	213,592	-	213,592
Departmental and other.....	430,617	127,328	557,945
Intergovernmental.....	-	546,438	546,438
Community preservation state share.....	-	315,000	315,000
Total.....	\$ 2,650,561	\$ 997,160	\$ 3,647,721

NOTE 4 – CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2023, was as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balance
Governmental Activities:				
<u>Capital assets not being depreciated:</u>				
Land.....	\$ 16,221,456	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16,221,456
Construction in progress.....	239,725,670	157,071	(239,725,670)	157,071
Total capital assets not being depreciated....	255,947,126	157,071	(239,725,670)	16,378,527
<u>Capital assets being depreciated:</u>				
Land improvements.....	15,325,790	1,968,349	-	17,294,139
Buildings.....	153,364,863	290,824,546	-	444,189,409
Machinery and equipment.....	17,106,112	799,259	-	17,905,371
Vehicles.....	8,522,521	927,202	-	9,449,723
Infrastructure.....	54,684,280	1,404,601	-	56,088,881
Total capital assets being depreciated.....	249,003,566	295,923,957	-	544,927,523
<u>Less accumulated depreciation for:</u>				
Land improvements.....	(6,588,813)	(763,977)	-	(7,352,790)
Buildings.....	(60,193,870)	(6,074,663)	-	(66,268,533)
Machinery and equipment.....	(16,080,427)	(348,059)	-	(16,428,486)
Vehicles.....	(6,359,987)	(345,106)	-	(6,705,093)
Infrastructure.....	(18,192,060)	(1,263,838)	-	(19,455,898)
Total accumulated depreciation.....	(107,415,157)	(8,795,643)	-	(116,210,800)
Total capital assets being depreciated, net.....	141,588,409	287,128,314	-	428,716,723
Total governmental activities capital assets, net.....	\$ 397,535,535	\$ 287,285,385	\$ (239,725,670)	\$ 445,095,250

	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balance
Water:				
<u>Capital assets not being depreciated:</u>				
Land.....	\$ 3,138	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,138
Construction in progress.....	171,057	530,018	(171,057)	530,018
Total capital assets not being depreciated.....	174,195	530,018	(171,057)	533,156
<u>Capital assets being depreciated:</u>				
Land improvements.....	7,822	-	-	7,822
Buildings.....	839,034	-	-	839,034
Machinery and equipment.....	2,777,378	29,395	-	2,806,773
Vehicles.....	1,225,484	338,425	-	1,563,909
Infrastructure.....	40,653,701	450,666	-	41,104,367
Total capital assets being depreciated.....	45,503,419	818,486	-	46,321,905
<u>Less accumulated depreciation for:</u>				
Land improvements.....	(7,822)	-	-	(7,822)
Buildings.....	(256,714)	(32,910)	-	(289,624)
Machinery and equipment.....	(2,264,841)	(432,692)	-	(2,697,533)
Vehicles.....	(1,041,221)	(72,881)	-	(1,114,102)
Infrastructure.....	(20,946,577)	(298,584)	-	(21,245,161)
Total accumulated depreciation.....	(24,517,175)	(837,067)	-	(25,354,242)
Total capital assets being depreciated, net.....	20,986,244	(18,581)	-	20,967,663
Total water activities capital assets, net.....	\$ 21,160,439	\$ 511,437	\$ (171,057)	\$ 21,500,819
Sewer:				
<u>Capital assets being depreciated:</u>				
Machinery and equipment.....	\$ 2,572,366	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,572,366
Vehicles.....	1,632,851	155,127	-	1,787,978
Infrastructure.....	30,491,203	2,495,702	-	32,986,905
Total capital assets being depreciated.....	34,696,420	2,650,829	-	37,347,249
<u>Less accumulated depreciation for:</u>				
Machinery and equipment.....	(1,753,659)	(413,743)	-	(2,167,402)
Vehicles.....	(1,586,543)	(13,529)	-	(1,600,072)
Infrastructure.....	(6,309,020)	(396,332)	-	(6,705,352)
Total accumulated depreciation.....	(9,649,222)	(823,604)	-	(10,472,826)
Total sewer activities capital assets, net.....	\$ 25,047,198	\$ 1,827,225	\$ -	\$ 26,874,423

	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balance
Municipal Light:				
<u>Capital assets not being depreciated:</u>				
Land.....	\$ 1,586,597	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,586,597
Construction in progress.....	135,609	84,289	(35,045)	184,853
Total capital assets not being depreciated.....	1,722,206	84,289	(35,045)	1,771,450
<u>Capital assets being depreciated:</u>				
Distribution Plant.....	42,414,202	2,919,865	(679,504)	44,654,563
General Plant.....	9,914,615	240,311	(147,213)	10,007,713
Total capital assets being depreciated.....	52,328,817	3,160,176	(826,717)	54,662,276
<u>Less accumulated depreciation for:</u>				
Distribution Plant.....	(19,351,251)	(1,272,426)	679,504	(19,944,173)
General Plant.....	(7,680,333)	(297,438)	147,213	(7,830,558)
Total accumulated depreciation.....	(27,031,584)	(1,569,864)	826,717	(27,774,731)
Total capital assets being depreciated, net.....	25,297,233	1,590,312	-	26,887,545
Total municipal light activities capital assets, net.....	\$ 27,019,439	\$ 1,674,601	\$ (35,045)	\$ 28,658,995

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

Governmental Activities:

General government.....	\$ 935,530
Public safety.....	930,539
Education.....	5,310,333
Public works.....	1,084,223
Health and human services.....	26,246
Culture and recreation.....	508,772

Total depreciation expense - governmental activities..... \$ 8,795,643

Business-Type Activities:

Water.....	\$ 837,067
Sewer.....	823,604
Municipal Light.....	1,569,864

Total depreciation expense - business-type activities..... \$ 3,230,535

NOTE 5 – INTERFUND RECEIVABLES, PAYABLES, AND TRANSFERS

The Town's interfund balances, consisted of \$540,646 in balances within the nonmajor governmental funds which represent interfund borrowings for short term cash flow needs from the general fund.

Interfund transfers for the year ended June 30, 2023, are summarized as follows:

Transfers In:			
	General fund	Nonmajor governmental funds	Total
<u>Transfers Out:</u>			
General fund.....	\$ -	\$ 5,890,881	\$ 5,890,881 (1)
Nonmajor governmental funds.....	1,794,749	2,520,280	4,315,029 (2)
Light Enterprise fund.....	350,000	-	350,000 (3)
Total.....	\$ 2,144,749	\$ 8,411,161	\$ 10,555,910

- (1) Represents amounts voted to fund various capital projects.
- (2) Represents amounts voted from receipts reserved for appropriation to fund the operating budget, transfers from various nonmajor capital project and grant funds to the general fund, and transfers to reallocate resources between nonmajor funds.
- (3) Represents amounts voted for payments in lieu of taxes from the Light enterprise fund.

NOTE 6 – SHORT-TERM FINANCING

Short-term debt may be authorized and issued to fund the following:

- Current operating costs prior to the collection of revenues through issuance of revenue or tax anticipation notes (RANS or TANS).
- Capital project costs and other approved expenditures incurred prior to obtaining permanent financing through issuance of bond anticipation notes (BANS) or grant anticipation notes (GANS).

Short-term loans are general obligations and carry maturity dates that are limited by statute. Interest expenditures and expenses for short-term borrowings are accounted for in the general fund and enterprise funds.

The Town and the Municipal Light Plant did not have any notes outstanding as of June 30, 2023 and December 31, 2022, respectively.

NOTE 7 – LONG-TERM DEBT

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

The Town issued \$500,000 of new Massachusetts Water Resource Authority (MWRA) bonds in 2023 related to MWRA Water projects.

Details related to the outstanding indebtedness at June 30, 2023 and the debt service requirements are reported on the following pages.

Bonds Payable Schedule – Governmental Funds

Project	Maturities Through	Original Loan Amount	Interest Rate (%)	Outstanding at June 30, 2023
General Obligation Bonds Payable:				
2012 Debt Refunding.....	2023	\$ 9,956,000	3.00-5.00	\$ 450,000
Ladder Truck.....	2024	890,000	3.00-5.00	85,000
Fire Engine.....	2024	500,000	3.00-5.00	50,000
Harris Field Repairs.....	2024	960,000	3.00-5.00	95,000
Town Center.....	2025	1,450,000	3.00	290,000
Underwood Pool.....	2030	2,790,000	2.00-3.00	1,295,000
Fire Station.....	2026	979,900	2.00-3.00	284,900
Land.....	2025	350,150	3.00	70,000
Public Safety Radio Equipment.....	2026	1,086,000	4.00-2.00	310,000
Modular Classrooms.....	2028	2,426,000	3.00-5.00	1,351,000
High School.....	2049	94,428,000	3.00-5.00	87,360,000
DPW/ Police Station.....	2049	6,988,000	3.00-5.00	6,465,000
2019 Debt Refunding.....	2035	19,650,000	3.00-4.00	15,315,000
High School.....	2050	93,927,500	2.00-5.00	88,445,000
DPW Building & Police Station.....	2050	3,287,500	2.00-5.00	3,095,000
High School.....	2052	12,765,000	3.75-5.00	12,545,000
Total Bonds Payable.....				217,505,900
Add: Unamortized premium on bonds.....				11,617,992
Total Governmental Bonds Payable, net.....				\$ 229,123,892

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

Year	Principal	Interest	Total
2024.....	\$ 7,030,000	\$ 7,486,804	\$ 14,516,804
2025.....	6,615,000	7,167,803	13,782,803
2026.....	6,714,900	6,858,528	13,573,428
2027.....	6,650,000	6,543,481	13,193,481
2028.....	6,956,000	6,223,607	13,179,607
2029.....	6,975,000	5,902,205	12,877,205
2030.....	7,285,000	5,594,731	12,879,731
2031.....	7,410,000	5,273,355	12,683,355
2032.....	7,715,000	4,971,455	12,686,455
2033.....	8,035,000	4,657,205	12,692,205
2034.....	8,325,000	4,395,981	12,720,981
2035.....	8,545,000	4,174,393	12,719,393
2036.....	7,210,000	3,946,123	11,156,123
2037.....	7,395,000	3,758,473	11,153,473
2038.....	7,600,000	3,557,167	11,157,167
2039.....	7,800,000	3,347,371	11,147,371
2040 - 2043.....	33,515,000	11,026,158	44,541,158
2044 - 2047.....	38,035,000	6,415,960	44,450,960
2048 - 2052.....	27,695,000	1,529,761	29,224,761
Total.....	\$ 217,505,900	\$ 102,830,561	\$ 320,336,461

Bonds Payable Schedule – Enterprise Funds

Project	Maturities Through	Original Loan Amount	Interest Rate (%)	Outstanding at June 30, 2023
General Obligation Bonds Payable:				
General Obligation Bonds of 2015.....	2034	\$ 482,000	2.75% - 4.00%	\$ 255,000
General Obligation Bonds of 2016.....	2035	269,602	2.00% - 3.25%	145,000
General Obligation Bonds of 2018.....	2038	2,054,000	3.00-5.00%	1,524,000
General Obligation Bonds of 2019.....	2029	614,000	4.00 - 5.00%	360,000
Subtotal General Obligation Water Bonds.....				2,284,000
Direct Borrowings Payable				
MVRA Water.....	2023	500,000	0%	50,000
MVRA Water.....	2024	500,000	0%	100,000
MVRA Water.....	2025	500,000	0%	150,000
MVRA Water.....	2026	500,000	0%	238,500
MVRA Water.....	2027	477,000	0%	600,000
MVRA Water.....	2028	1,000,000	0%	350,000
MVRA Water.....	2030	50,000	0%	400,000
MVRA Water.....	2032	500,000	0%	450,000
MVRA Water.....	2033	500,000	0%	500,000
Subtotal Direct Borrowing Water Bonds.....				2,838,500
Add: Unamortized premium on bonds.....				76,854
Total Water Bonds Payable.....				5,199,354
General Obligation Bonds Payable:				
2016 Debt Refunding.....	2027	2,300,000	2.00-3.00	455,100
Direct Borrowings Payable				
MCWT Sewer.....	2031	7,226,667	2.00	3,241,057
MCWT Sewer.....	2033	1,259,950	2.00	874,381
MCWT Sewer.....	2035	2,300,000	2.00	1,496,556
MVRA Sewer.....	2035	245,850	0.00	98,340
MVRA Sewer.....	2035	212,000	0.00	148,400
MVRA Sewer.....	2031	212,000	0.00	169,600
Subtotal Direct Borrowing Sewer Bonds.....				6,028,334
Total Sewer Bonds Payable.....				6,483,434
Light Plant Construction.....	2032	14,000,000	2.75-5.00	8,915,000
Light Plant Construction.....	2034	12,100,000	2.75-5.00	8,300,000
Subtotal light bonds.....				17,215,000
Add: Unamortized premium on bonds.....				1,008,758
Total Light Bonds Payable.....				18,223,758
Total Enterprise Bonds Payable, net.....				\$ 29,906,546

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

<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2024..... \$	2,796,337 \$	820,018 \$	3,616,355
2025.....	2,808,085	733,483	3,541,568
2026.....	2,781,004	654,911	3,435,915
2027.....	2,768,144	589,939	3,358,083
2028.....	2,729,635	513,630	3,243,265
2029.....	2,745,688	439,045	3,184,733
2030.....	2,643,703	361,475	3,005,178
2031.....	2,640,791	275,895	2,916,686
2032.....	2,210,331	193,996	2,404,327
2033.....	2,235,229	121,534	2,356,763
2034.....	1,072,005	88,415	1,160,420
2035.....	1,089,982	49,351	1,139,333
2036.....	100,000	9,625	109,625
2037.....	100,000	6,500	106,500
2038.....	100,000	3,250	103,250
Total..... \$	<u>28,820,934</u> \$	<u>4,861,067</u> \$	<u>33,682,001</u>

The Town is subject to various debt limits by statute and may issue additional general obligation debt under the normal debt limit.

At June 30, 2023, the Town had the following authorized and unissued debt:

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Belmont High School.....	\$ 11,477,668
Water Main.....	852,000
Fire Pumper Truck.....	785,000
Belmont Public Library.....	34,500,000
Belmont Rink and Sports Facility.....	<u>28,653,032</u>
Total.....	\$ <u>76,267,700</u>

Changes in Long-Term Liabilities

During the year ended June 30, 2023, the following changes occurred in long-term liabilities:

	Beginning Balance	Bonds and Notes Issued	Bonds and Notes Redeemed	Other Increases	Other Decreases	Ending Balance	Due Within One Year
Governmental Activities:							
Long-term bonds payable.....	\$ 224,820,900	\$ -	\$ (7,315,000)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 217,505,900	\$ 7,030,000
Add: Unamortized premium on bonds.....	12,662,310	-	-	-	(1,044,318)	11,617,992	1,004,087
Total bonds payable.....	237,483,210	-	(7,315,000)	-	(1,044,318)	229,123,892	8,034,087
Landfill closure.....	5,738,000	-	-	822,000	(57,000)	6,503,000	65,000
Compensated absences.....	1,851,915	-	-	175,732	(92,596)	1,935,051	96,753
Net pension liability.....	40,517,031	-	-	26,032,638	(9,922,537)	56,627,132	-
Net other postemployment benefits liability.....	93,717,808	-	-	5,794,190	(2,718,528)	96,793,470	-
Total governmental activity long-term liabilities.....	\$ 379,307,964	\$ -	\$ (7,315,000)	\$ 32,824,560	\$ (13,834,979)	\$ 390,982,545	\$ 8,195,840
Business-Type Activities:							
Long-term bonds payable.....	\$ 31,055,764	\$ 500,000	\$ (2,734,830)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 28,820,934	\$ 2,796,336
Add: Unamortized premium on bonds.....	1,197,406	-	-	-	(111,794)	1,085,612	110,852
Total bonds payable.....	32,253,170	500,000	(2,734,830)	-	(111,794)	29,906,546	2,907,188
Compensated absences.....	495,737	-	-	26,043	(24,787)	496,993	24,850
Net pension liability.....	8,894,130	-	-	293,328	(1,627,400)	7,560,058	-
Net other postemployment benefits liability.....	5,536,665	-	-	482,693	(313,174)	5,706,184	-
Total business-type activity long-term liabilities.....	\$ 47,179,702	\$ 500,000	\$ (2,734,830)	\$ 802,064	\$ (2,077,155)	\$ 43,669,781	\$ 2,932,038

The long-term liabilities will be liquidated in the future by the general fund and enterprise funds.

NOTE 8 – GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCE CLASSIFICATIONS

The Town classifies fund balance according to constraints imposed on the uses of those resources.

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

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

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

The Town has classified its fund balances with the following hierarchy:

	General	Belmont High School Construction Fund	Community Preservation Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Fund Balances:					
Nonspendable:					
Permanent fund principal.....	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,803,808	\$ 3,803,808
Restricted for:					
Community Preservation Fund.....	-	-	7,258,845	-	7,258,845
Nonmajor governmental funds.....	-	-	-	25,489,526	25,489,526
Committed to:					
Articles and continuing appropriations:					
Ash Landfill Stabilization Fund.....	2,873,135	-	-	-	2,873,135
Assigned to:					
Encumbrances:					
General government.....	137,989	-	-	-	137,989
Public safety.....	83,664	-	-	-	83,664
Education.....	156,595	-	-	-	156,595
Public works.....	781,818	-	-	-	781,818
Human services.....	30	-	-	-	30
Culture and recreation.....	14,591	-	-	-	14,591
Free Cash used for 2024 Appropriations.....	9,693,014	-	-	-	9,693,014
Free Cash used for 2024 OPEB contribution....	552,695	-	-	-	552,695
Free Cash used for Stabilization fund transfer...	950,000	-	-	-	950,000
Unassigned.....	18,045,100	(520,759)	-	-	17,524,341
Total Fund Balances.....	\$ 33,288,631	\$ (520,759)	\$ 7,258,845	\$ 29,293,334	\$ 69,320,051

Massachusetts General Law Ch.40 §5B allows for the establishment of Stabilization funds for one or more different purposes. The creation of a fund requires a two-thirds vote of the legislative body and must clearly define the purpose of the fund. Any change to the purpose of the fund along with any additions to or appropriations from the fund requires a two-thirds vote of the legislative body.

At year end, the balance of the General Stabilization Fund is \$1,916,237 and is reported as unassigned fund balance within the general fund; the balance of the Ash Landfill Stabilization Fund is \$2,873,135 and is reported as committed fund balance within the general fund.

NOTE 9 – LANDFILL CLOSURE

State and federal laws and regulations require the Town to close its old landfill site when it stops accepting waste and to perform certain maintenance and monitoring functions at the site after closure. The Town operated a solid waste landfill that ceased operations in 1973. The Town has reflected \$6.5 million as the estimate of the landfill closure liability at June 30, 2023. This amount is based on estimates of what it would cost to perform all future closure and post closure care.

Actual costs may be higher due to inflation, deflation, changes in technology, or changes in regulations. Town meeting has voted a special purpose stabilization fund for this liability, which had a balance of \$2.9 million at year end.

NOTE 10 – RISK FINANCING

The Town is self-insured for its health insurance activities. The health insurance activities are accounted for in the internal service fund where revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when the liability is incurred.

Liabilities are reported when it is probable that a loss has occurred, and the amount of the loss can be reasonably estimated. Liabilities include an amount for claims that have been incurred but not reported (IBNR). The result of the process to estimate the claims liability is not an exact amount as it depends on many factors. Accordingly, claims are reevaluated periodically to consider the effects of inflation, recent claims settlement trends, and other economic and social factors.

Health Insurance

The Town estimates Incurred But Not Reported (IBNR) claims based on an approximate two month claims paid average. The Town purchases individual stop loss insurance for claims in excess of the \$100,000 coverage provided by the Town. At June 30, 2023, the amount of the liability for health insurance claims totaled \$794,000.

Changes in the reported liability since July 1, 2021, are as follows:

	Balance at Beginning of Year	Current Year Claims and Changes in Estimate	Claims Payments	Balance at Year-End
2022.....	\$ 1,100,000	\$ 16,197,806	\$ (16,467,806)	\$ 830,000
2023.....	830,000	18,191,101	(18,227,101)	794,000

Insurance

The Town is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; and natural disasters for which the Town carries commercial insurance.

Workers' Compensation

The Town participates in a premium based workers' compensation insurance plan for its employees, except for police officers and firefighters for which the Town is self-insured. The Town's liability related to incurred but not reported claims for police officers and/or firefighters workers compensation is not material at June 30, 2023, and is therefore not reported.

General Liability

The Town is self-insured for its general liability insurance. MGL Chapter 258 limits the liability to a maximum of \$100,000 per claim in all matters except actions relating to federal/civil rights, eminent domain and breach of contract.

NOTE 11 – PENSION PLAN

The Town and the Belmont Municipal Light Plant report their figures on different year ends and as a result, there will always be a variance between the figures reported in the footnotes and the required supplementary information to the actual amount reported in the financial statements.

Plan Descriptions

The Town is a member of the Belmont Contributory Retirement System (BCRS), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan covering eligible employees of the 2 member units. The BCRS is administered by five board members (Board) on behalf of all current employees and retirees except for current teachers and retired teachers. Chapter 32 of the MGL assigns authority to establish and amend benefit provisions of the plan. The BCRS is a component unit and is reported as a pension trust fund in the fiduciary fund financial statements.

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/>.

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, 2022. The Town's portion of the collective pension expense, contributed by the Commonwealth, of \$9,347,771 is reported in the general fund as intergovernmental revenue and pension benefits in the current fiscal year. The portion of the Commonwealth's collective net pension liability associated with the Town is \$113,637,225 as of the measurement date.

Benefits Provided

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

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

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

As of the January 1, 2022, the BCRS membership consists of the following:

Active members.....	460
Inactive members.....	327
Retirees and beneficiaries currently receiving benefits.....	<u>357</u>
Total.....	<u>1,144</u>

Contributions

Chapter 32 of the MGL governs the contributions of plan members and member units. Active plan members are required to contribute at rates ranging from 5% to 9% of gross regular compensation with an additional 2% contribution required for compensation exceeding \$30,000. The percentage rate is keyed to the date upon which an employee's membership commences. The member units are required to pay into the System a legislatively mandated actuarially determined contribution 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. The total member units' contribution for the year ended December 31, 2022, was \$11,765,178, 39.55% 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. The Town's proportionate share of the required contribution was \$10,351,928. The Electric Light Plant's proportionate share of the required contribution was \$1,251,315.

Pension Liabilities

The components of the net pension liability of the participating member units at June 30, 2023, were as follows:

Total pension liability.....	\$	216,790,861
Total pension plan's fiduciary net position.....		<u>(149,647,926)</u>
Total net pension liability.....	\$	<u>67,142,935</u>
The pension plan's fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability.....		69.03%

The total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of January 1, 2022, for the Town and for the Electric Light Plant. 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. At December 31, 2022 (inclusive of the Electric Light Plant), the Town's proportion was 98.63%, which did not change from its proportion measured at December 31, 2021.

At June 30, 2023, the Town reported a liability of \$59.1 million for its proportionate share of the net pension liability measured as of December 31, 2022. At December 31, 2021, the Electric Light Plant reported a liability of \$5.1 million for its proportionate share of the net pension liability measured as of December 31, 2021.

Pension Expense

For the year ended June 30, 2023, the Town recognized pension expense of \$6,757,073 and for the year ended December 31, 2022, the Electric Light Plant recognized pension expense of \$784,640. At June 30, 2023, the Town and the Electric Light Plant reported net deferred outflows/(inflows) of resources related to pensions of \$6,240,580 and \$42,518, respectively.

The balances of deferred outflows and inflows at June 30, 2023 for the Town, excluding the municipal light plant are as follows:

Deferred Category	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources	Total
Differences between expected and actual experience.....	\$ 116,645	\$ (3,339,263)	\$ (3,222,618)
Difference between projected and actual earnings, net.....	8,127,603	-	8,127,603
Changes in assumptions.....	1,648,746	-	1,648,746
Changes in proportion and proportionate share of contributions...	1,324,409	(1,637,560)	(313,151)
Total deferred outflows/(inflows) of resources.....	\$ 11,217,403	\$ (4,976,823)	\$ 6,240,580

The balances of deferred outflows and inflows at June 30, 2023 for the municipal light plant are as follows:

Deferred Category	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources	Total
Differences between expected and actual experience.....	\$ 28,200	\$ (538,191)	\$ (509,991)
Difference between projected and actual earnings, net.....	-	(1,485,451)	(1,485,451)
Changes in assumptions.....	336,295	-	336,295
Changes in proportion and proportionate share of contributions...	450,349	-	450,349
Contributions made subsequent to the measurement date.....	1,251,316	-	1,251,316
Total deferred outflows/(inflows) of resources.....	\$ 2,066,160	\$ (2,023,642)	\$ 42,518

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

Year ended June 30:

2024.....	\$ (193,466)
2025.....	204,534
2026.....	871,267
2027.....	4,149,447
	<u>\$ 5,031,782</u>

The remaining balance of net deferred inflows/outflows of the Light Plant of \$1,251,316 will be an adjustment to the Net Pension Liability in their calendar year 2023 financial statements.

Actuarial Assumptions

The total pension liability in the January 1, 2022, actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods in the measurement that was rolled forward to December 31, 2022:

Valuation date.....	January 1, 2022
Actuarial cost method.....	Individual Entry Age Normal Cost Method.
Amortization method.....	Payments increasing 4.50% for the 2003 ERI liability and remaining liability amortized so that the total payment increases 4.45% per year.
Remaining amortization period.....	As of January 1, 2022, 3 years for the 2003 ERI liability and 8 years for the remaining unfunded liability.
Asset valuation method.....	The difference between the expected return and the actual investment return on a fair value basis is recognized over a five-year period. Assets value is adjusted as necessary to be within 20% of the fair value.
Investment rate of return.....	7.00%, previously 7.15%
Discount rate.....	7.00%
Inflation rate.....	3.00% per year
Projected salary increases.....	Varies by length of service with ultimate rates of 3.75% for Groups 1 and 2 and 4.25% for Group 4.
Cost of living adjustments.....	3% of first \$13,000
Mortality rates.....	<p><i>Pre-Retirement:</i> RP-2014 Blue Collar Employee Mortality Table set forward one year for females and projected generationally with Scale MP-2021.</p> <p><i>Healthy Retiree:</i> RP-2014 Blue Collar Healthy Annuitant Table set forward one year for females and projected generationally with Scale MP-2021.</p> <p><i>Disabled Retiree:</i> RP-2014 Blue Collar Healthy Annuitant Table set forward one year and projected generationally with Scale MP-2021.</p>

Investment policy

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

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in the pension plan's target asset allocation as of December 31, 2022, are summarized in the following table:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Asset Allocation</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
Domestic equity.....	23.00%	6.59%
International developed markets equity...	13.00%	6.87%
International emerging markets equity....	7.00%	8.30%
Core fixed income.....	16.00%	1.53%
Private credit.....	5.00%	6.01%
Real estate.....	12.00%	3.44%
Commodities.....	10.00%	4.01%
Hedge fund, GTAA, risk parity.....	7.00%	3.06%
Private equity.....	7.00%	9.49%
Total.....	<u>100.00%</u>	

Rate of return

For the year ended December 31, 2022, the annual money-weighted rate of return on pension plan investments, net of pension plan investment expense, was -8.32%. The money-weighted rate of return expresses investment performance, net of investment expense, adjusted for the changing amounts actually invested.

Discount rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.00%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed plan member contributions will be made at the current contribution rate and that contributions will be made at rates equal to the actuarially determined contribution rate. Based on those assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

Sensitivity of the net pension liability to changes in the discount rate

The following presents the net pension liability, calculated using the discount rate of 7.00%, as well as what the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (6.00%) or 1-percentage-point higher (8.00%) than the current rate:

December 31, 2022 Measurement Date			
	1% Decrease (6.00%)	Current Discount (7.00%)	1% Increase (8.00%)
The Town's proportionate share of the net pension liability.....	\$ 79,578,930	\$ 59,077,630	\$ 41,814,912

December 31, 2021 Measurement Date			
	1% Decrease (6.00%)	Current Discount (7.00%)	1% Increase (8.00%)
The Electric Light Plant's proportionate share of the net pension liability.....	\$ 7,537,590	\$ 5,109,560	\$ 3,063,352

Change of Assumptions

- None.

Changes in Plan Provisions

- None.

NOTE 12 – POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS

The GASB #75 liability detailed on pages 63 and 64 for the Town and the Electric Light Plant, combined equal the total OPEB liability reported of \$102,499,654, on page 15 in the Statement of Net Position.

Plan Description

The Town of Belmont administers a single-employer defined benefit healthcare plan ("the Plan"). The Plan provides lifetime healthcare and life insurance for eligible retirees and their spouses through the Town's group health and life insurance plans, which cover both active and retired members. Chapter 32B of the MGL assigns authority to establish and amend benefit provisions of the plan. Benefit provisions are negotiated between the Town and the unions representing Town employees and are renegotiated each bargaining period. The Retiree Health Plan does not issue a publicly available financial report.

Funding Policy

Contribution requirements are also negotiated between the Town and union representatives. The required contribution is based on a pay-as-you-go financing requirement. Retired plan members and beneficiaries currently receiving benefits are required to contribute 20% of the costs of benefits for the HMO and 50% of cost of benefits for the PPO plans if they are not participating in the Medicare Plan. Medicare eligible retirees and their spouses contribute 50% of the cost of the Medicare Enhance Supplement plan and the First Seniority. For 2023, the Town's contribution to the plan totaled \$4.7 million.

During 2023, the Town pre-funded future OPEB liabilities totaling \$608,000 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, 2023, the balance of this fund totaled \$7.7 million.

Investment policy

The OPEB plan's assets are managed on a total return basis with a long-term objective of achieving and maintaining a fully funded status for the benefits provided through the OPEB plan. The long-term real rate of return on OPEB investments was determined using the Town's investment policy. The Town's policy is to fund contributions of a minimum of \$50,000 per year to the OPEB Trust through 2029 and the Town's intention is to redirect some or all of the amounts paid to the Retirement System (approximately \$11 million annually) towards the unfunded OPEB liability beginning in 2030 when the Retirement System is fully funded.

Employees Covered by Benefit Terms

The following tables represent the Plan's membership as of June 30, 2021, for the Town and as of December 31, 2022, for the Electric Light Plant:

Town

Active members.....	684
Inactive members currently receiving benefits.....	<u>564</u>
Total.....	<u><u>1,248</u></u>

Electric Light Plant

Active members.....	28
Inactive members currently receiving benefits.....	<u>26</u>
Total.....	<u><u>54</u></u>

Components of OPEB Liability

The following table represents the components of the Town's OPEB liability as of June 30, 2023:

Total OPEB liability.....	\$	106,283,860
Less: OPEB plan's fiduciary net position.....		<u>(7,203,190)</u>
Net OPEB liability.....	\$	<u>99,080,670</u>
The OPEB plan's fiduciary net position		
as a percentage of the total OPEB liability.....		6.78%

The following table represents the components of the Electric Light Plant's OPEB liability as of December 31, 2022:

Total OPEB liability.....	\$	3,908,307
Less: OPEB plan's fiduciary net position.....		<u>(489,323)</u>
Net OPEB liability.....	\$	<u>3,418,984</u>
The OPEB plan's fiduciary net position		
as a percentage of the total OPEB liability.....		12.52%

Significant Actuarial Methods and Assumptions

The total OPEB liability in the June 30, 2021, actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement, unless otherwise specified, to be in accordance with GASB #75:

Valuation date.....	June 30, 2021
Actuarial cost method.....	Entry Age Normal, Level percentage of payroll
Investment rate of return.....	6.25% as of December 31, 2022 and December 31, 2021
Discount rate.....	Town - 6.02% as of June 30, 2023 and 5.98% as of June 30, 2022 Electric Light - 6.00% as of December 31, 2022 and 5.82% as of December 31, 2021
Inflation rate.....	3.00%
Projected salary increases.....	Groups 1/2 (excluding teachers): 6.00% decreasing over 9 years to an ultimate of 3.75%. Group 4: 7.00% decreasing over 8 years to an ultimate of 4.25%. Teachers: 7.50% decreasing over 20 years to an ultimate level of 4.00%.
Health care trend rates.....	Medical (Non-Medicare): 7.00% decreasing by 0.25% each year to an ultimate level of 4.50% per year. Medical (Medicare): 6.00% decreasing by 0.25% each year to an ultimate level of 4.50% per year.

Prescription Drug (Non-Medicare): 8.00% decreasing by 0.25% each year to an ultimate level of 4.50% per year.

Prescription Drug (Medicare): - 9.10% for one year, then 7.75% decreasing by 0.25% each year to an ultimate level of 4.50% per year.

Medicare Advantage: 5.70% then an ultimate level of 4.50% per year.

Contributions: Retiree contributions are expected to increase with medical trend.

Mortality rates.....Pre-Retirement (Non-Teachers): RP-2014 Blue Collar Employee Mortality Table set forward one year for females and projected generationally with Scale MP-2017.

Healthy (Non-Teachers): RP-2014 Blue Collar Healthy Annuitant Mortality Table set forward one year for females and projected generationally with Scale MP-2017.

Disabled (Non-Teachers): RP-2014 Blue Collar Health Annuitant Mortality Table set forward one year and projected generationally with Scale MP-2017.

Pre-Retirement (Teachers): Pub-2010 Teacher Employee Mortality Table (headcount weighted) projected generationally with Scale MP-2020.

Healthy (Teachers): Pub-2010 Teacher Retiree Mortality Table (headcount weighted) projected generationally with Scale MP-2020.

Disabled (Teachers): Pub-2010 Teacher Retiree Mortality Table (headcount weighted) projected generationally with Scale MP-2020.

Rate of Return

For the year ended June 30, 2023, the annual money-weighted rate of return on OPEB plan investments was 9.22% for the Town and 0.42% for the Light Plant. The money-weighted rate of return expresses investment performance, net of OPEB plan investment expense, adjusted for the changing amounts actually invested.

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

Best estimates of geometric real rates of return for each major asset class included in the OPEB plan's target asset allocation as of June 30, 2023 are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Long-Term Expected Asset Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Domestic equity.....	69.00%	6.59%
Core fixed income.....	31.00%	1.53%
Total.....	100.00%	

Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liability was 6.02% as of June 30, 2023, for the Town and 6.00% for the Municipal Light Plant. The discount rate is a blend of the long-term expected rate of return on OPEB Trust assets (6.25%) and a yield or index for 20-year, tax exempt general obligation municipal bonds with an average maturity rating of AA/Aa or higher, 3.65% as of June 30, 2023. The blending is based on the sufficiency of projected assets to make projected benefit payments. Since the assets are partially sufficient to cover projected benefit payments, the blended discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liability was 6.02% as of June 30, for the Town, and 6.00% as of December 31, 2022, for the Electric Light Plant.

Sensitivity of the Net OPEB Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate - The following table presents the Plan's net OPEB liability, calculated using the discount rate of 6.02% for the Town and 6.00% for the Electric Light Plant, as well as what the net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (5.02% and 5.00%) or 1-percentage-point higher (7.02% and 7.00%) than the current rates.

	1% Decrease (5.02%)	Current Discount Rate (6.02%)	1% Increase (7.02%)
Town			
Net OPEB liability.....	\$ 113,075,988	\$ 99,080,670	\$ 87,512,566
	1% Decrease (5.00%)	Current Discount Rate (6.00%)	1% Increase (7.00%)
Electric Light Plant			
Net OPEB liability.....	\$ 3,924,515	\$ 3,418,984	\$ 3,002,525

Sensitivity of the Net OPEB Liability to Changes in the Healthcare Trend - The following table presents the net other postemployment benefit liability, using the healthcare trend rate, as well as what the net other postemployment benefit liability would be if it was calculated using a healthcare trend rate that is 1-percentage-point lower or 1-percentage-point higher than the current rate.

	1% Decrease	Current Trend	1% Increase
Town			
Net OPEB liability.....	\$ 84,171,411	\$ 99,080,670	\$ 117,815,731
	1% Decrease	Current Trend	1% Increase
Electric Light Plant			
Net OPEB liability.....	\$ 2,916,911	\$ 3,418,984	\$ 4,044,483

Changes in the Net OPEB Liability

Town	Increase (Decrease)		
	Plan		
	Total OPEB Liability (a)	Fiduciary Net Position (b)	Net OPEB Liability (a) - (b)
Balances at June 30, 2022.....	\$ 101,945,723	\$ 6,013,392	\$ 95,932,331
Changes for the year:			
Service cost.....	3,598,214	-	3,598,214
Interest.....	6,172,333	-	6,172,333
Contributions - employer.....	-	5,315,193	(5,315,193)
Net investment income.....	-	598,523	(598,523)
Changes in assumptions and other inputs.....	(708,492)	-	(708,492)
Benefit payments.....	(4,723,918)	(4,723,918)	-
Net change.....	4,338,137	1,189,798	3,148,339
Balances at June 30, 2023.....	\$ 106,283,860	\$ 7,203,190	\$ 99,080,670

Municipal Light Plant	Increase (Decrease)		
	Plan		
	Total OPEB Liability (a)	Fiduciary Net Position (b)	Net OPEB Liability (a) - (b)
Balances at December 31, 2021.....	\$ 3,792,546	\$ 470,404	\$ 3,322,142
Changes for the year:			
Service cost.....	148,623	-	148,623
Interest.....	224,399	-	224,399
Contributions - employer.....	-	190,477	(190,477)
Net investment income.....	-	1,919	(1,919)
Changes in assumptions and other inputs.....	(83,784)	-	(83,784)
Benefit payments.....	(173,477)	(173,477)	-
Net change.....	115,761	18,919	96,842
Balances at December 31, 2022.....	\$ 3,908,307	\$ 489,323	\$ 3,418,984

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

For the year ended June 30, 2023, the GASB Statement #75 measurement date, the Town recognized OPEB expense of \$5,931,105. As of December 31, 2022, the Electric Light Plant recognized OPEB expense of \$2,449.

At June 30, 2023, the Town reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

Town	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources	Total
Deferred Category			
Differences between expected and actual experience.....	\$ -	\$ (1,699,880)	\$ (1,699,880)
Difference between projected and actual earnings, net.....	-	(235,997)	(235,997)
Changes in assumptions.....	-	(12,193,477)	(12,193,477)
Total deferred outflows/(inflows) of resources.....	\$ -	\$ (14,129,354)	\$ (14,129,354)

At December 31, 2022, the Electric Light Plant reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

Electric Light Plant	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources	Total
Deferred Category			
Differences between expected and actual experience.....	\$ -	\$ (493,107)	\$ (493,107)
Difference between projected and actual earnings, net.....	-	(4,626)	(4,626)
Changes in assumptions.....	44,360	(430,322)	(385,962)
Total deferred outflows/(inflows) of resources.....	\$ 44,360	\$ (928,055)	\$ (883,695)

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

Measurement date year ended June 30:

2024.....	\$ (3,948,293)
2025.....	(3,926,200)
2026.....	(3,634,602)
2027.....	(3,385,872)
2028.....	(118,082)
	<u>\$ (15,013,049)</u>

Changes of Assumptions – Town & Light

- The Town's discount rate was increased from 5.98% as of June 30, 2022, to 6.02% as of June 30, 2023.
- The Light Plant's discount rate was increased from 5.82% as of December 31, 2021, to 6.00% as of December 31, 2022.

Changes in Plan Provisions – Town & Light

- None.

NOTE 13 – FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR INDIVIDUAL PENSION AND OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS TRUST FUNDS

GAAP requires that all Pension and Other Postemployment Trust Funds be combined and presented in one column in the Fiduciary Funds financial statements and that the individual financial statements for each trust fund plan are reported in the notes to the financial statements.

Provided on the following pages are the individual financial statements for the pension and OPEB plans that are included in the Fiduciary Funds as Pension and Other Postemployment Benefit Trust Funds.

	Pension Trust Fund (as of December 31, 2022)	Other Postemployment Benefit Trust Fund	Total Pension and Other Postemployment Benefit Trust Funds
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents.....	\$ 5,265,461	\$ 242,462	\$ 5,507,923
Investments:			
Investments in Pension Reserve Investment Trust.....	46,457,444	-	46,457,444
U.S. treasuries.....	-	782,623	782,623
Government sponsored enterprises.....	-	1,367,227	1,367,227
Equity securities.....	8,211,970	5,319,207	13,531,177
Equity mutual funds.....	27,806,362	-	27,806,362
Fixed income mutual funds.....	27,996,008	-	27,996,008
Real estate and alternative investments.....	33,179,290	-	33,179,290
Receivables, net of allowance for uncollectibles:			
Intergovernmental.....	724,092	-	724,092
Interest and dividends.....	7,299	-	7,299
TOTAL ASSETS.....	149,647,926	7,711,519	157,359,445
NET POSITION			
Restricted for pensions.....	149,647,926	-	149,647,926
Restricted for other postemployment benefits.....	-	7,711,519	7,711,519
TOTAL NET POSITION.....	\$ 149,647,926	\$ 7,711,519	\$ 157,359,445

ADDITIONS:

Contributions:

Employer contributions.....	\$ 11,765,178	\$ 608,275	\$ 12,373,453
Employer contributions for other postemployment benefit payments...	-	4,723,918	4,723,918
Member contributions.....	3,053,327	-	3,053,327
Transfers from other systems.....	801,868	-	801,868
3(8)c contributions from other systems.....	774,174	-	774,174
Workers compensation settlements.....	12,749	-	12,749
Intergovernmental.....	33,790	-	33,790
Total contributions.....	16,441,086	5,332,193	21,773,279
Net investment income:			
Investment income.....	(13,165,509)	665,929	(12,499,580)
Less: investment expense.....	(802,875)	(24,062)	(826,937)
Net investment income (loss).....	(13,968,384)	641,867	(13,326,517)
TOTAL ADDITIONS.....	2,472,702	5,974,060	8,446,762
<u>DEDUCTIONS:</u>			
Administration.....	422,087	-	422,087
Transfers to other systems.....	1,081,673	-	1,081,673
3(8)c transfer to other systems.....	507,419	-	507,419
Retirement benefits and refunds.....	12,657,815	-	12,657,815
Other postemployment benefit payments.....	-	4,723,918	4,723,918
TOTAL DEDUCTIONS.....	14,668,994	4,723,918	19,392,912
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET POSITION.....	(12,196,292)	1,250,142	(10,946,150)
NET POSITION AT BEGINNING OF YEAR.....	161,844,218	6,461,377	168,305,595
NET POSITION AT END OF YEAR.....	\$ 149,647,926	\$ 7,711,519	\$ 157,359,445

NOTE 14 – COMMITMENTS

The Town has entered into or is planning to enter into contracts totaling approximately \$75.8 million related to the Belmont high school construction project, library project, rink and sports facility and water infrastructure upgrades.

The Light Plant has entered into various power contracts totaling approximately \$43.6 million through Energy New England (ENE), as their acting agent. These power contracts began in 2009 and go through the year 2049.

NOTE 15 – 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 Title 2 *U.S. Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, these programs are still subject to financial and compliance audits. The amount, if any, of expenditures which may be disallowed by the granting agencies cannot be determined at this time, although it is expected that such amounts, if any, to be immaterial.

Various legal actions as well as claims, judgements and assessments are pending. Litigation and the settlement of claims, judgements and assessments is subject to many uncertainties, and the outcome of individual matters is not always predictable. Although the amount of liability, if any, at June 30, 2023, cannot be ascertained, management believes any resulting liability should not materially affect the financial position at June 30, 2023.

NOTE 16 – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Management has evaluated subsequent events through March 25, 2024, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

NOTE 17 – IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW GASB PRONOUNCEMENTS

During 2023, the following GASB pronouncements were implemented:

- GASB Statement #91, *Conduit Debt Obligations*. This pronouncement did not impact the basic financial statements.
- GASB Statement #94, *Public-Private and Public-Public Partnerships and Availability Payment Arrangements*. This pronouncement did not impact the basic financial statements.
- GASB Statement #96, *Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements*. This pronouncement did not impact the basic financial statements.
- GASB Statement #99, *Omnibus 2022*. This pronouncement did not impact the basic financial statements.

The following GASB pronouncements will be implemented in the future:

- The GASB issued Statement #100, *Accounting Changes and Error Corrections*, which is required to be implemented in 2024.
- The GASB issued Statement #101, *Compensated Absences*, which is required to be implemented in 2025.

Management is currently assessing the impact the implementation of these pronouncements will have on the basic financial statements.

Required Supplementary Information

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General Fund Budgetary Comparison Schedule

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

GENERAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	Budgeted Amounts			
	Amounts Carried Forward From Prior Year	Current Year Initial Budget	Original Budget	Final Budget
REVENUES:				
Real estate and personal property taxes, net of tax refunds.....	\$ -	\$ 115,092,242	\$ 115,092,242	\$ 115,691,923
Tax liens.....	-	-	-	-
Motor vehicle and other excise taxes.....	-	3,926,883	3,926,883	3,762,427
Charges for services.....	-	2,606,940	2,606,940	2,837,779
Penalties and interest on taxes.....	-	330,000	330,000	330,000
Licenses and permits.....	-	1,834,750	1,834,750	1,307,859
Fines and forfeitures.....	-	244,600	244,600	199,324
Intergovernmental.....	-	12,786,321	12,786,321	12,852,939
Investment income.....	-	250,000	250,000	150,000
TOTAL REVENUES.....	-	137,071,736	137,071,736	137,132,251
EXPENDITURES:				
Current:				
General government.....	212,491	5,077,631	5,290,122	5,106,252
Public safety.....	130,640	13,465,275	13,595,915	14,360,677
Education.....	792,151	68,120,195	68,912,346	69,162,346
Public works.....	906,265	14,237,415	15,143,680	15,134,555
Human services.....	16,459	1,119,477	1,135,936	1,135,936
Culture and recreation.....	86,855	3,680,240	3,767,095	4,051,540
Pension benefits.....	-	10,092,024	10,092,024	10,092,024
Employee benefits.....	346,000	7,781,833	8,127,833	7,296,497
State and county charges.....	-	2,079,157	2,079,157	2,079,157
Debt service:				
Principal.....	-	7,850,849	7,850,849	7,315,000
Interest.....	-	7,928,002	7,928,002	7,928,002
TOTAL EXPENDITURES.....	2,490,861	141,432,098	143,922,959	143,661,986
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES.....	(2,490,861)	(4,360,362)	(6,851,223)	(6,529,735)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):				
Transfers in.....	-	3,344,146	3,344,146	3,344,146
Transfers out.....	-	(5,882,997)	(5,882,997)	(5,882,997)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES).....	-	(2,538,851)	(2,538,851)	(2,538,851)
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE.....	(2,490,861)	(6,899,213)	(9,390,074)	(9,068,586)
BUDGETARY FUND BALANCE, Beginning of year.....	-	27,887,446	27,887,446	27,887,446
BUDGETARY FUND BALANCE, End of year.....	\$ (2,490,861)	\$ 20,988,233	\$ 18,497,372	\$ 18,818,860

See notes to required supplementary information.

	Actual Budgetary Amounts	Amounts Carried Forward To Next Year	Variance to Final Budget
\$	116,290,352	\$ -	\$ 598,429
	128,500	-	128,500
	3,981,666	-	219,239
	3,595,954	-	758,175
	245,000	-	(85,000)
	1,596,117	-	288,258
	264,533	-	65,209
	12,857,194	-	4,255
	1,119,255	-	969,255
	<u>140,078,571</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,946,320</u>
	4,585,664	137,989	382,599
	14,229,546	83,664	47,467
	67,928,351	156,595	1,077,400
	13,601,718	781,818	751,019
	1,005,758	30	130,148
	3,811,617	14,591	225,332
	10,077,954	-	14,070
	6,525,785	-	770,712
	2,165,273	-	(86,116)
	7,315,000	-	-
	<u>7,855,502</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>72,500</u>
	<u>139,102,168</u>	<u>1,174,687</u>	<u>3,385,131</u>
	<u>976,403</u>	<u>(1,174,687)</u>	<u>6,331,451</u>
	3,346,052	-	1,906
	<u>(5,890,881)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(7,884)</u>
	<u>(2,544,829)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(5,978)</u>
	(1,568,426)	(1,174,687)	6,325,473
	<u>27,887,446</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
\$	<u>26,319,020</u>	<u>(1,174,687)</u>	<u>\$ 6,325,473</u>

Pension Plan Schedules Retirement System

The Pension Plan's Schedule of Changes in the Net Pension Liability presents multi-year trend information on the net pension liability and related ratios.

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

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

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

**SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN THE NET PENSION LIABILITY
AND RELATED RATIOS
BELMONT CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT SYSTEM**

	December 31, 2014	December 31, 2015	December 31, 2016	December 31, 2017	December 31, 2018	December 31, 2019	December 31, 2020	December 31, 2021	December 31, 2022
Total pension liability:									
Service cost.....	\$ 3,290,948	\$ 3,422,586	\$ 3,677,753	\$ 3,793,768	\$ 4,035,938	\$ 4,163,252	\$ 4,915,533	\$ 5,070,223	\$ 4,933,263
Interest.....	11,576,179	11,975,171	12,311,049	12,689,446	13,409,913	13,847,855	14,267,460	14,753,149	14,595,490
Changes in benefit terms.....	-	-	-	770,006	-	-	-	-	-
Differences between expected and actual experience.....	-	(2,308,867)	-	2,782,900	-	662,852	-	(6,325,237)	-
Changes in assumptions.....	-	6,683,815	-	3,287,108	-	4,976,068	-	1,464,364	-
Benefit payments.....	<u>(9,665,616)</u>	<u>(10,035,365)</u>	<u>(10,762,409)</u>	<u>(11,356,645)</u>	<u>(11,729,280)</u>	<u>(11,580,799)</u>	<u>(12,400,376)</u>	<u>(12,689,282)</u>	<u>(12,623,272)</u>
Net change in total pension liability.....	5,201,511	9,737,340	5,226,393	11,966,583	5,716,571	12,069,228	6,782,617	2,273,217	6,905,481
Total pension liability - beginning.....	<u>150,911,920</u>	<u>156,113,431</u>	<u>165,850,771</u>	<u>171,077,164</u>	<u>183,043,747</u>	<u>188,760,318</u>	<u>200,829,546</u>	<u>207,612,163</u>	<u>209,885,380</u>
Total pension liability - ending (a).....	<u>\$ 156,113,431</u>	<u>\$ 165,850,771</u>	<u>\$ 171,077,164</u>	<u>\$ 183,043,747</u>	<u>\$ 188,760,318</u>	<u>\$ 200,829,546</u>	<u>\$ 207,612,163</u>	<u>\$ 209,885,380</u>	<u>\$ 216,790,861</u>
Plan fiduciary net position:									
Employer contributions.....	\$ 7,364,523	\$ 7,877,960	\$ 8,432,117	\$ 9,014,711	\$ 9,643,193	\$ 10,197,676	\$ 10,784,043	\$ 11,263,933	\$ 11,765,178
Member contributions.....	2,378,296	2,460,974	2,582,816	2,665,509	2,770,687	3,005,384	2,907,915	2,881,865	3,053,327
Net investment income (loss).....	5,521,768	934,243	7,021,503	13,204,734	(3,325,333)	16,768,138	12,965,031	22,732,996	(14,021,937)
Administrative expenses.....	(182,627)	(154,097)	(321,612)	(323,187)	(314,673)	(315,261)	(349,365)	(335,823)	(369,588)
Retirement benefits and refunds.....	<u>(9,665,616)</u>	<u>(10,035,365)</u>	<u>(10,762,409)</u>	<u>(11,356,645)</u>	<u>(11,729,280)</u>	<u>(11,580,799)</u>	<u>(12,400,376)</u>	<u>(12,689,282)</u>	<u>(12,623,272)</u>
Net increase (decrease) in fiduciary net position.....	5,416,344	1,083,715	6,952,415	13,205,122	(2,955,406)	18,075,138	13,907,248	23,853,689	(12,196,292)
Fiduciary net position - beginning of year.....	<u>82,305,953</u>	<u>87,722,297</u>	<u>88,806,012</u>	<u>95,758,427</u>	<u>108,963,549</u>	<u>106,008,143</u>	<u>124,083,281</u>	<u>137,990,529</u>	<u>161,844,218</u>
Fiduciary net position - end of year (b).....	<u>\$ 87,722,297</u>	<u>\$ 88,806,012</u>	<u>\$ 95,758,427</u>	<u>\$ 108,963,549</u>	<u>\$ 106,008,143</u>	<u>\$ 124,083,281</u>	<u>\$ 137,990,529</u>	<u>\$ 161,844,218</u>	<u>\$ 149,647,926</u>
Net pension liability - ending (a)-(b).....	<u>\$ 68,391,134</u>	<u>\$ 77,044,759</u>	<u>\$ 75,318,737</u>	<u>\$ 74,080,198</u>	<u>\$ 82,752,175</u>	<u>\$ 76,746,265</u>	<u>\$ 69,621,634</u>	<u>\$ 48,041,162</u>	<u>\$ 67,142,935</u>
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability.....	56.19%	53.55%	55.97%	59.53%	56.16%	61.79%	66.47%	77.11%	69.03%
Covered payroll.....	\$ 25,142,886	\$ 25,031,508	\$ 26,016,467	\$ 26,395,332	\$ 27,455,996	\$ 29,659,286	\$ 30,859,703	\$ 28,593,922	\$ 29,750,684
Net pension liability as a percentage of covered payroll.....	272.01%	307.79%	289.50%	280.66%	301.40%	258.76%	225.61%	168.01%	225.69%

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See notes to required supplementary information.

SCHEDULE OF CONTRIBUTIONS
BELMONT CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Year	Actuarially determined contribution	Contributions in relation to the actuarially determined contribution	Contribution deficiency (excess)	Covered- payroll	Contributions as a percentage of covered- payroll
December 31, 2022.....	\$ 11,765,178	\$ (11,765,178)	-	\$ 29,750,684	39.55%
December 31, 2021.....	11,263,933	(11,263,933)	-	28,593,922	39.39%
December 31, 2020.....	10,784,043	(10,784,043)	-	30,859,703	34.95%
December 31, 2019.....	10,197,676	(10,197,676)	-	29,659,286	34.38%
December 31, 2018.....	9,643,193	(9,643,193)	-	27,455,996	35.12%
December 31, 2017.....	9,014,711	(9,014,711)	-	26,395,332	34.15%
December 31, 2016.....	8,427,189	(8,432,117)	(4,928)	26,016,467	32.41%
December 31, 2015.....	7,877,960	(7,877,960)	-	25,031,508	31.47%
December 31, 2014.....	7,364,523	(7,364,523)	-	25,142,886	29.29%

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SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENT RETURNS
BELMONT CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT SYSTEM

<u>Year</u>	<u>Annual money-weighted rate of return, net of investment expense</u>
December 31, 2022.....	-8.32%
December 31, 2021.....	17.37%
December 31, 2020.....	11.30%
December 31, 2019.....	16.85%
December 31, 2018.....	-2.69%
December 31, 2017.....	14.50%
December 31, 2016.....	8.89%
December 31, 2015.....	1.32%
December 31, 2014.....	6.69%

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See notes to required supplementary information.

Pension Plan Schedules Town & Electric Light Plant

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

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

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

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

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**SCHEDULE OF THE TOWN'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE
OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY
BELMONT CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT SYSTEM**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Proportion of the net pension liability (asset)</u>	<u>Proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)</u>	<u>Covered- payroll</u>	<u>Net pension liability as a percentage of covered- payroll</u>	<u>Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability</u>
June 30, 2023.....	87.99%	\$ 59,077,630	\$ 26,071,677	226.60%	69.03%
June 30, 2022.....	87.99%	42,270,375	25,064,711	168.64%	77.11%
June 30, 2021.....	88.55%	61,652,145	27,126,753	227.27%	66.47%
June 30, 2020.....	88.55%	67,961,737	26,078,850	260.60%	61.79%
June 30, 2019.....	89.08%	73,711,413	24,303,047	303.30%	56.16%
June 30, 2018.....	88.85%	65,819,280	23,359,304	281.77%	59.53%
June 30, 2017.....	89.70%	67,554,485	23,154,141	291.76%	55.97%
June 30, 2016.....	89.68%	69,090,194	23,496,527	294.04%	53.55%
June 30, 2015.....	89.19%	61,000,401	22,592,814	270.00%	56.19%

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See notes to required supplementary information.

**SCHEDULE OF THE ELECTRIC LIGHT DEPARTMENT'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE
OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY
BELMONT CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT SYSTEM**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Proportion of the net pension liability (asset)</u>	<u>Proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)</u>	<u>Covered- employee payroll</u>	<u>Net pension liability as a percentage of covered- employee payroll</u>	<u>Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability</u>
December 31, 2022.....	10.64%	\$ 5,109,560	\$ 3,257,218	156.87%	77.11%
December 31, 2021.....	10.26%	7,140,786	3,320,565	215.05%	66.47%
December 31, 2020.....	10.26%	7,870,726	3,181,228	247.41%	61.79%
December 31, 2019.....	9.44%	7,814,033	2,834,630	275.66%	56.16%
December 31, 2018.....	9.42%	6,975,686	2,730,334	255.49%	59.53%
December 31, 2017.....	8.59%	6,466,318	2,485,260	260.19%	55.97%
December 31, 2016.....	8.58%	6,611,771	2,384,359	277.30%	53.55%
December 31, 2015.....	8.87%	6,236,954	2,193,362	284.36%	56.19%

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See notes to required supplementary information.

**SCHEDULE OF THE TOWN'S CONTRIBUTIONS
BELMONT CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT SYSTEM**

Year	Actuarially determined contribution	Contributions in relation to the actuarially determined contribution	Contribution deficiency (excess)	Covered- employee payroll	Contributions as a percentage of covered- employee payroll
June 30, 2023.....	\$ 10,351,928	\$ (10,351,928)	\$ -	\$ 26,071,677	39.71%
June 30, 2022.....	9,910,890	(9,910,890)	-	25,064,711	39.54%
June 30, 2021.....	9,549,609	(9,549,609)	-	27,126,753	35.20%
June 30, 2020.....	9,030,430	(9,030,430)	-	26,078,850	34.63%
June 30, 2019.....	8,589,664	(8,589,664)	-	24,303,047	35.34%
June 30, 2018.....	8,009,452	(8,009,452)	-	23,359,304	34.29%
June 30, 2017.....	7,558,470	(7,563,398)	(4,928)	23,154,141	32.67%
June 30, 2016.....	7,740,657	(7,740,657)	-	23,496,527	32.94%
June 30, 2015.....	7,222,270	(7,222,270)	-	22,592,814	31.97%

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See notes to required supplementary information.

**SCHEDULE OF THE SPECIAL FUNDING AMOUNTS
OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY
MASSACHUSETTS TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM**

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

Year	Commonwealth's 100% Share of the Associated Net Pension Liability	Expense and Revenue Recognized for the Commonwealth's Support	Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Liability
2023.....	\$ 113,637,225	\$ 9,347,771	57.75%
2022.....	101,398,692	8,136,823	62.03%
2021.....	126,150,097	15,581,344	50.67%
2020.....	110,844,863	13,441,864	53.95%
2019.....	102,925,762	10,430,036	54.84%
2018.....	95,442,966	9,961,660	54.25%
2017.....	91,342,059	9,317,489	52.73%
2016.....	82,041,160	6,654,268	55.38%
2015.....	64,046,291	4,449,603	61.64%

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See notes to required supplementary information.

Other Postemployment Benefit Plan Schedules –Town and Electric Light Plant

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

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

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

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

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

**SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN THE
TOWN'S NET OPEB LIABILITY AND RELATED RATIOS
OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT PLAN**

	June 30, 2017	June 30, 2018	June 30, 2019	June 30, 2020	June 30, 2021	June 30, 2022	June 30, 2023
Total OPEB Liability							
Service Cost.....	\$ 3,783,584	\$ 3,396,620	\$ 3,450,335	\$ 3,631,066	\$ 4,230,703	\$ 4,354,082	\$ 3,598,214
Interest.....	8,496,483	5,725,306	6,033,987	6,309,506	6,481,594	6,841,439	6,172,333
Changes of benefit terms.....	-	-	-	(925,315)	-	(259,818)	-
Differences between expected and actual experience....	-	-	-	(304,905)	-	(2,397,365)	-
Changes of assumptions.....	(40,435,528)	(724,799)	1,012,397	(805,773)	(139,085)	(16,897,398)	(708,492)
Plan amendments.....	(18,722,360)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Benefit payments.....	(3,856,996)	(4,101,700)	(4,400,269)	(4,764,669)	(4,950,666)	(4,513,468)	(4,723,918)
Net change in total OPEB liability.....	(50,734,817)	4,295,427	6,096,450	3,139,910	5,622,546	(12,872,528)	4,338,137
Total OPEB liability - beginning.....	146,398,735	95,663,918	99,959,345	106,055,795	109,195,705	114,818,251	101,945,723
Total OPEB liability - ending (a).....	\$ 95,663,918	\$ 99,959,345	\$ 106,055,795	\$ 109,195,705	\$ 114,818,251	\$ 101,945,723	\$ 106,283,860
Plan fiduciary net position							
Employer contributions.....	\$ 4,186,243	\$ 4,470,248	\$ 4,951,361	\$ 5,333,376	\$ 5,011,768	\$ 4,575,468	\$ 5,315,193
Net investment income.....	172,888	5,442	380,423	70,680	901,865	179,628	598,523
Benefit payments.....	(3,856,996)	(4,101,700)	(4,400,269)	(4,764,669)	(4,950,666)	(4,513,468)	(4,723,918)
Net change in plan fiduciary net position.....	502,135	373,990	931,515	639,387	962,967	241,628	1,189,798
Plan fiduciary net position - beginning of year.....	2,361,770	2,863,905	3,237,895	4,169,410	4,808,797	5,771,764	6,013,392
Plan fiduciary net position - end of year (b).....	\$ 2,863,905	\$ 3,237,895	\$ 4,169,410	\$ 4,808,797	\$ 5,771,764	\$ 6,013,392	\$ 7,203,190
Net OPEB liability - ending (a)-(b).....	\$ 92,800,013	\$ 96,721,450	\$ 101,886,385	\$ 104,386,908	\$ 109,046,487	\$ 95,932,331	\$ 99,080,670
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability.....	2.99%	3.24%	3.93%	4.40%	5.03%	5.90%	6.78%
Covered-employee payroll.....	\$ 59,585,846	\$ 62,323,993	\$ 65,123,251	\$ 69,447,567	\$ 70,836,518	\$ 72,253,249	\$ 81,864,365
Net OPEB liability as a percentage of covered-employee payroll.....	155.74%	155.19%	156.45%	150.31%	153.94%	132.77%	121.03%

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**SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN THE
ELECTRIC LIGHT'S NET OPEB LIABILITY AND RELATED RATIOS
OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT PLAN**

	December 31, 2017	December 31, 2018	December 31, 2019	December 31, 2020	December 31, 2021	December 31, 2022
Total OPEB Liability						
Service Cost.....	\$ 171,763	\$ 176,967	\$ 179,506	\$ 225,753	\$ 230,747	\$ 148,623
Interest.....	239,224	258,321	275,449	268,577	284,403	224,399
Changes of benefit terms.....	-	-	(12,924)	-	(6,176)	-
Differences between expected and actual experience....	-	-	(152,821)	-	(770,905)	-
Changes of assumptions.....	33,732	(70,456)	(151,620)	52,550	(516,048)	(83,784)
Benefit payments.....	(135,832)	(140,506)	(227,280)	(252,121)	(151,855)	(173,477)
Net change in total OPEB liability.....	308,887	224,326	(89,690)	294,759	(929,834)	115,761
Total OPEB liability - beginning.....	3,984,098	4,292,985	4,517,311	4,427,621	4,722,380	3,792,546
Total OPEB liability - ending (a).....	<u>\$ 4,292,985</u>	<u>\$ 4,517,311</u>	<u>\$ 4,427,621</u>	<u>\$ 4,722,380</u>	<u>\$ 3,792,546</u>	<u>\$ 3,908,307</u>
Plan fiduciary net position						
Employer contributions.....	\$ 151,990	\$ 161,151	\$ 251,593	\$ 268,979	\$ 168,855	\$ 190,477
Net investment income.....	24,792	(4,697)	44,023	21,048	64,191	1,919
Benefit payments.....	(135,832)	(140,506)	(227,280)	(252,121)	(151,855)	(173,477)
Net change in plan fiduciary net position.....	40,950	15,948	68,336	37,906	81,191	18,919
Plan fiduciary net position - beginning of year.....	226,073	267,023	282,971	351,307	389,213	470,404
Plan fiduciary net position - end of year (b).....	<u>\$ 267,023</u>	<u>\$ 282,971</u>	<u>\$ 351,307</u>	<u>\$ 389,213</u>	<u>\$ 470,404</u>	<u>\$ 489,323</u>
Net OPEB liability - ending (a)-(b).....	<u>\$ 4,025,962</u>	<u>\$ 4,234,340</u>	<u>\$ 4,076,314</u>	<u>\$ 4,333,167</u>	<u>\$ 3,322,142</u>	<u>\$ 3,418,984</u>
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability.....	6.22%	6.26%	7.93%	8.24%	12.40%	12.52%
Covered-employee payroll.....	\$ 3,147,743	\$ 3,320,698	\$ 3,581,997	\$ 3,392,464	\$ 3,542,073	\$ 3,747,337
Net OPEB liability as a percentage of covered-employee payroll.....	127.90%	127.51%	113.80%	127.73%	93.79%	91.24%

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**SCHEDULE OF THE TOWN'S CONTRIBUTIONS
OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT PLAN**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Actuarially determined contribution</u>	<u>Contributions in relation to the actuarially determined contribution</u>	<u>Contribution deficiency (excess)</u>	<u>Covered- employee payroll</u>	<u>Contributions as a percentage of covered- employee payroll</u>
June 30, 2023.....	\$ 8,876,096	\$ (5,315,193)	\$ 3,560,903	\$ 81,864,365	6.49%
June 30, 2022.....	8,398,448	(4,575,468)	3,822,980	72,253,249	6.33%
June 30, 2021.....	9,247,744	(5,011,768)	4,235,976	70,836,518	7.08%
June 30, 2020.....	8,756,304	(5,333,376)	3,422,928	69,447,567	7.68%
June 30, 2019.....	8,469,671	(4,951,361)	3,518,310	65,123,251	7.60%
June 30, 2018.....	8,029,300	(4,470,248)	3,559,052	62,323,993	7.17%
June 30, 2017.....	18,361,449	(4,186,243)	14,175,206	59,585,746	7.03%

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**SCHEDULE OF THE ELECTRIC LIGHT'S CONTRIBUTIONS
OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT PLAN**

Year	Actuarially determined contribution	Contributions in relation to the actuarially determined contribution	Contribution deficiency (excess)	Covered- employee payroll	Contributions as a percentage of covered- employee payroll
December 31, 2022.....	\$ 329,624	\$ (190,477)	\$ 139,147	\$ 3,747,337	5.08%
December 31, 2021.....	312,318	(168,855)	143,463	3,542,073	4.77%
December 31, 2020.....	416,940	(268,979)	147,961	3,392,464	7.93%
December 31, 2019.....	404,501	(251,593)	152,908	3,581,997	7.02%
December 31, 2018.....	194,521	(161,151)	33,370	3,320,698	4.85%
December 31, 2017.....	759,438	(151,990)	607,448	3,147,743	4.83%
December 31, 2016.....	759,438	(203,933)	555,505	2,737,637	7.45%

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SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENT RETURNS
OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT PLAN

<u>Year</u>	<u>Annual money-weighted rate of return, net of investment expense</u>
Town:	
June 30, 2023.....	9.22%
June 30, 2022.....	3.08%
June 30, 2021.....	18.54%
June 30, 2020.....	1.51%
June 30, 2019.....	10.16%
June 30, 2018.....	0.17%
June 30, 2017.....	6.50%
Light:	
December 31, 2022.....	0.42%
December 31, 2021.....	16.58%
December 31, 2020.....	5.56%
December 31, 2019.....	15.24%
December 31, 2018.....	-1.75%
December 31, 2017.....	4.67%

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NOTE A – STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY**A. Budgetary Information**

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

Increases or transfers between voted functions subsequent to the approval of the annual budget, requires a vote at a special Town meeting.

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

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

An annual budget is adopted for the general fund in conformity with the guidelines described above. The original year 2023 approved budget authorized approximately \$149.8 million in appropriations and amounts carried forward from the prior year. There was decrease of \$261,000 between the original and final adopted budgets as a result of various increases/decreases in the Town’s Departmental budgets.

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

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 year ended June 30, 2023, is presented below:

Net change in fund balance - budgetary basis.....	\$ (1,568,426)
<u>Perspective differences:</u>	
Activity of the stabilization fund recorded in the general fund for GAAP.....	135,144
<u>Basis of accounting differences:</u>	
Net change in recording tax refunds payable.....	100,006
Net change in recording 60 day receipts.....	(6,017)
Recognition of revenue for on-behalf payments.....	9,347,771
Recognition of expenditures for on-behalf payments.....	<u>(9,347,771)</u>
Net change in fund balance - GAAP basis.....	\$ <u>(1,339,293)</u>

NOTE B – PENSION PLAN***Pension Plan Schedules – Retirement System*****A. Schedule of Changes in the Net Pension Liability and Related Ratios**

The Schedule of Changes in the Net Pension Liability and Related Ratios includes the detailed changes in the systems total pension liability, changes in the systems net position, and the ending net pension liability. It also demonstrates the plan's net position as a percentage of the total pension liability and the net pension liability as a percentage of covered payroll.

B. Schedule of Contributions

Governmental employers are required to pay an annual appropriation as established by PERAC. The total 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 total appropriations are payable on July 1 and January 1. Employers may choose to pay the entire appropriation in July at a discounted rate. Accordingly, actual employer contributions may be less than the "total appropriation". The pension fund appropriations are allocated amongst employers based on covered payroll.

C. Schedule of Investment Return

The money weighted rate of return is calculated as the internal rate of return on pension plan investments, net of pension plan investment expense. A money weighted rate of return expresses investment performance, net of pension plan investment expense, adjusted for the changing amounts actually invested. Inputs to the money weighted rate of return calculation are determined monthly.

Pension Plan Schedules – Town and Electric Light**A. Schedules of the Town's and Electric Light's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability**

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

B. Schedules of Town's and Electric Light's Contributions

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

C. Schedule of the Special Funding Amounts of the Net Pension Liabilities

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

D. Changes in Assumptions

- None.

E. Changes in Plan Provisions

- None.

NOTE C – OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

The Town administers a single-employer defined benefit healthcare plan ("The Retiree Health Plan"). The plan provides lifetime healthcare and life insurance for eligible retirees and their spouses through the Town's group health and life insurance plans, which cover both active and retired members.

The Other Postemployment Benefit PlanSchedule of Changes in the Town's Net Other Postemployment Benefit Liability and Related Ratios

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

Schedule of Changes in the Electric Light's Net Other Postemployment Benefit Liability and Related Ratios

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

Schedule of the Town's Contributions

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

Schedule of the Electric Light's Contributions

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

Significant Actuarial Methods and Assumptions

Valuation date.....	June 30, 2021
Actuarial cost method.....	Entry Age Normal, Level percentage of payroll
Investment rate of return.....	6.25% as of December 31, 2022 and December 31, 2021
Discount rate.....	Town - 6.02% as of June 30, 2023 and 5.98% as of June 30, 2022 Electric Light - 6.00% as of December 31, 2022 and 5.82% as of December 31, 2021
Inflation rate.....	3.00%
Projected salary increases.....	Groups 1/2 (excluding teachers): 6.00% decreasing over 9 years to an ultimate of 3.75%. Group 4: 7.00% decreasing over 8 years to an ultimate of 4.25%. Teachers: 7.50% decreasing over 20 years to an ultimate level of 4.00%.
Health care trend rates.....	Medical (Non-Medicare): 7.00% decreasing by 0.25% each year to an ultimate level of 4.50% per year. Medical (Medicare): 6.00% decreasing by 0.25% each year to an ultimate level of 4.50% per year. Prescription Drug (Non-Medicare): 8.00% decreasing by 0.25% each year to an ultimate level of 4.50% per year. Prescription Drug (Medicare): - 9.10% for one year, then 7.75% decreasing by 0.25% each year to an ultimate level of 4.50% per year. Medicare Advantage: 5.70% then an ultimate level of 4.50% per year. Contributions: Retiree contributions are expected to increase with medical trend.
Mortality rates.....	Pre-Retirement (Non-Teachers): RP-2014 Blue Collar Employee Mortality Table set forward one year for females and projected generationally with Scale MP-2017. Healthy (Non-Teachers): RP-2014 Blue Collar Healthy Annuitant Mortality Table set forward one year for females and projected generationally with Scale MP-2017.

Disabled (Non-Teachers): RP-2014 Blue Collar Health Annuitant Mortality Table set forward one year and projected generationally with Scale MP-2017.

Pre-Retirement (Teachers): Pub-2010 Teacher Employee Mortality Table (headcount weighted) projected generationally with Scale MP-2020.

Healthy (Teachers): Pub-2010 Teacher Retiree Morality Table (headcount weighted) projected generationally with Scale MP-2020.

Disabled (Teachers): Pub-2010 Teacher Retiree Mortality Table (headcount weighted) projected generationally with Scale MP-2020.

Schedule of Investment Returns

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

Changes of Assumptions – Town & Light

- The Town's discount rate was increased from 5.98% as of June 30, 2022, to 6.02% as of June 30, 2023.
- The Light Plant's discount rate was increased from 5.82% as of December 31, 2021, to 6.00% as of December 31, 2022.

Changes in Plan Provisions – Town & Light

- None.