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Article 7: FY22 Supplemental

October 26, 2021



Legal Expenses

- Legal Expenses are inclusive of Town Counsel, Labor Counsel, and Special Counsel invoices
- Includes costs for Town and School Use of Town Counsel and Labor Counsel.
- Special Counsel includes specific counsel used for specific negotiations (Verizon/Comcast), health care, bonds, and other boards and committee specific needs
- Is NOT inclusive of Special Education Special Counsel



Legal Expenses

- Due to ongoing legal cases and COVID, legal fees are anticipated to exceed the FY22 approved budget of \$350,000
- Legal costs fluctuate year over year due to increased use of counsel, projects, and/or litigation
- Select Board is recommending a \$150,000 increase to \$500,000
 - Unused Funds would be returned at the close of FY22

FY14: \$320,576

FY15: \$326,968

FY16: \$252,846

FY17: \$236,265

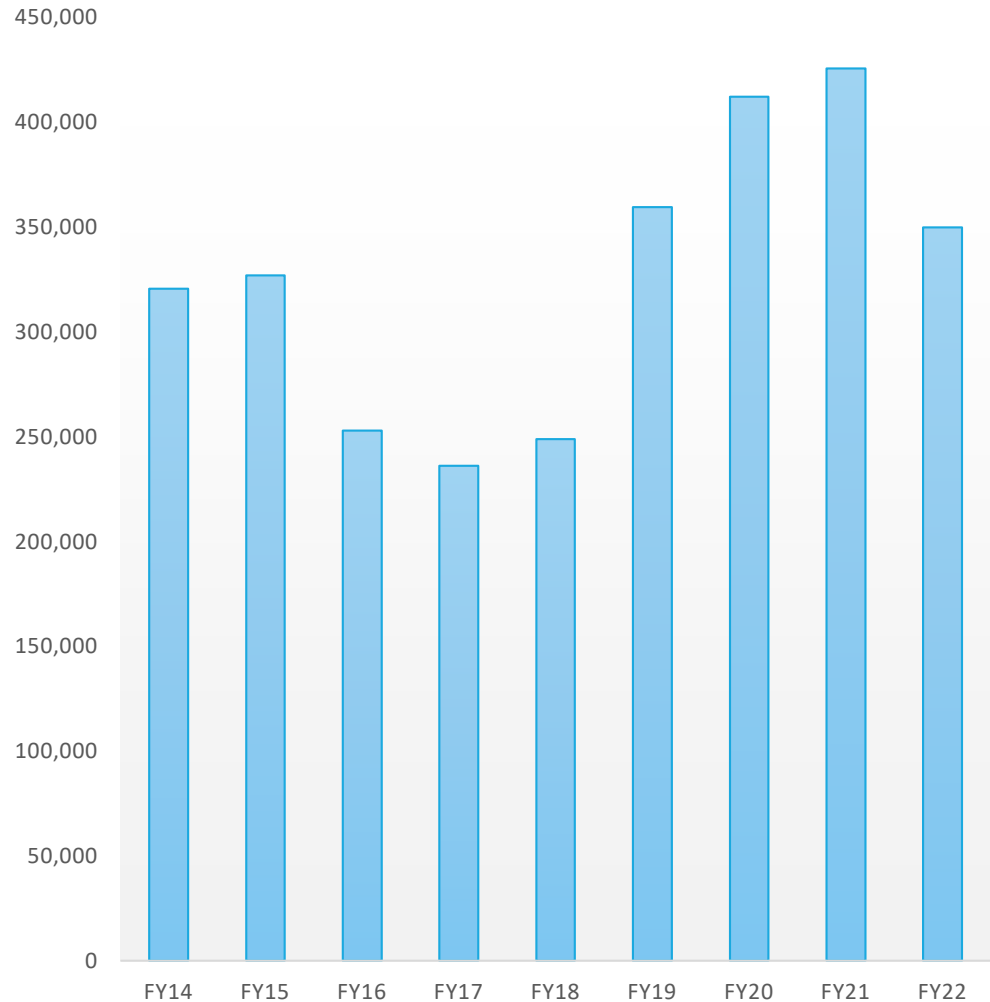
FY18: \$248,823

FY19: \$359,610

FY20: \$412,271

FY21: \$425,782

Legal Bills FY14-FY22





Anticipated Cost Drivers

Litigation:

- 680 Worcester Street
- 16 Stearns Road

Civil Rights Complaint and Federal Lawsuit Filed

COVID-19

- Legal advice on orders, personnel matters, Federal/State Funding, Schools
- Town Meeting

Union Matters

- Schools Bargaining this year
- Health Care Bargaining with All Unions
- Grievances and Complaints

Projects

- Finalization of Affordable Housing Components to Delanson, 148 Weston Road, and other 40B projects
- North 40 – Finalization of Restrictions
- Enforcement of Encroachments on Town Land

General Matters



The Select Board requests your favorable action.