



TOWN OF WELLESLEY

Fiscal Year 2024-- OPERATING BUDGET REQUEST

Recreation Department: Mission, Services & Priorities

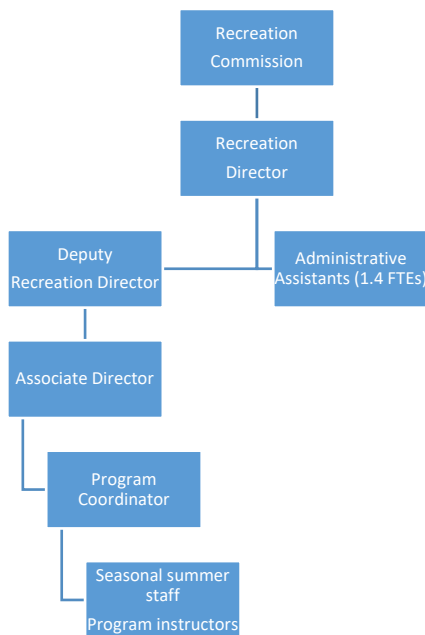
Mission Statement

The Recreation Commission’s mission is “To increase people’s enjoyment of living in Wellesley and build a deeper sense of community, as we provide recreational and educational opportunities to all Wellesley residents, regardless of age, ability & means.”

Organizational Structure

The Recreation Department’s 5.4 employees include a Director, Deputy Director, Associate Director, Program Coordinator, full time secretary and part time secretary. These department salaries and expenses are funded by taxes, with a 2024 request of \$426,342.

In addition to the permanent staff, the Recreation Department employs over 100 seasonal employees to administer summer camp and Morses Pond beach programming and over 100 vendors were hired to administer the 787 recreation programs that ran in FY 2022. These costs are funded by user charges, external donations, and internal scholarships.





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Previous Accomplishments

In FY 2022, the Recreation Department offered 957 programs, of which 787 received enough participants to be self-supporting (before general fund employee costs)

- 6,312 people participated in seasonal programs
- 14,614 residents reserved beach areas for Morses Pond.
- Morses Pond Beach & Bathhouse Feasibility and Design study continued
- Recreation Department generated an overall surplus of \$238,014.
 - \$30k of surplus transferred to Teen Center programming fund
 - \$50k of surplus transferred to Morses Pond operations
 - \$50k of surplus transferred to Recreation Department Scholarship fund
- A final remaining surplus of \$108,014 was returned to the General Fund

Department Goals

- Complete Morses Pond Beach & Bathhouse Feasibility and Design study
- Return programming to pre-pandemic numbers
- Expand after school programming

Warrant Article Requests

N/A

Operating Budget Summary

The Recreation Department will be submitting a tax impact operating budget with a 2.23% increase for FY 2024. This is .77% below the budget guideline.

Revenue Explanation

Outside of the tax impact-operating budget, the Recreation Department oversees a “pay to play” Recreation revolving fund. All fees collected to run our 787 program offerings, summer camp & Morses Pond beach admission cycles through this revolving fund. Revolving Fund revenue for fiscal 2023 is expected to exceed \$1.7 million, but due to the COVID -19 pandemic, we expect a significant decrease in revenue in FY23.



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5 Year Capital Plan

FY'22 – No Capital requests.

FY'23 – No Capital requests.

FY'24 - No Capital requests.

FY'25 – Morses Pond Bathhouse & Beach Design & Construction - \$1,000,000

FY'26 – Morses Pond Beach & Bathhouse renovation - \$10,000,000

PERMANENT STAFFING (FTEs)	FY20 Actual	FY21 Actual	FY22 Actual	FY23 Actual	FY24 Request
Position Titles:					
Director	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Deputy Director	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Associate Director	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Secretary	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4
Program Coordinator	<u>1.0</u>	<u>1.0</u>	<u>1.0</u>	<u>1.0</u>	<u>1.0</u>
Total Number of Positions	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4

Recreation Department FY24 Operating Budget Request										
Org	Object	Account # 01-630 Account Title	Explanation	FY20 Actual	FY21 Actual	FY22 Actual	FY23 Budget	FY24 Request	\$ Variance FY23-24	% Variance FY23-24
PERSONAL SERVICES										
01630100	511010	Senior Administrator	Director	\$ 96,141	\$ 98,168	\$ 100,377	\$ 102,886	\$ 104,542	1,656	1.61%
01630100	511220	Other Professionals	Deputy Director, Associate Director, Program Coordinator	177,615	145,359	197,553	\$ 214,105	\$ 217,551	3,446	1.61%
01630100	511370	Clerical	Secretary I and II	62,945	55,099	64,090	\$ 68,728	\$ 71,979	3,251	4.73%
01630100	512590	Recognition Award Payment				-	-		-	0.00%
01630100	515050	Longevity	Longevity for Support Staff	600	600	-	-		-	0.00%
PERSONAL SERVICES SUBTOTAL				337,300	299,226	362,020	385,720	394,072	8,352	2.17%
EXPENSES										
01630200	527050	Copier Machines Rental/Lease							-	0.00%
01630200	542010	Office Supplies							-	0.00%
01630207	521010	Electricity - Warren Building	actual FY'11 \$21,824/ BofH \$11,835						-	0.00%
01630207	521020	Natural Gas	actual FY'11 \$4,730/ BofH \$12,000						-	0.00%
01630208	524015	Grounds Maintenance							-	0.00%
01630208	546040	Morses Pond Water Treatment & Safety		19,652	13,006	14,025	25,616	26,385	769	3.00%
01630200	557010	Youth & Teen Programming		4,100	500	5,560	5,713	5,884	171	3.00%
EXPENSE SUBTOTAL				23,752	13,506	19,585	31,329	32,269	940	3.00%
01630809	570000	Other charges & Expenses	Encumbered Expenses from Prior Fiscal year	-					-	0.00%
DEPARTMENT TOTAL				\$ 361,052	\$ 312,733	\$ 381,605	\$ 417,049	\$ 426,342	9,293	2.23%