



# TOWN OF BLACKSTONE

## Town Accountant's Office

TO: Board of Selectmen

FROM: Lauren Taylor, Assistant Town Administrator/Town Accountant

SUBJECT: FY2027 Budget Update 2.10.26

DATE: 2/10/2026

The attached update of the FY2027 Preliminary Budget contains several departmental updates. Each of those changes are listed below with an explanation for the change. Please note that these changes reflect any departmental request changes and Administration continues to work through the budget requests. Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Department/Account	Original Requested Amt	Updated Amount	Explanation
01131 Finance Committee	\$2,250	\$1,987	Met with Fin Com Chair to review actual expenses and requests for FY27. Able to reduce budget based on the current needs.
01133 Capital Outlay	\$850	\$400	Able to reduce budget based on current needs and evaluating actual expenses.
01141 Assessors- Asst Assessor Salary	\$90,000	\$10,000	Decision to contract with RRG again and not bring on an employee into this role.
01141 Assessors- Prof & Tech RRG	\$30,000	\$65,680	Decision to contract with RRG again and not bring on an employee into this role.
01184 Central Mass Planning	\$2,985	\$3,058	Received FY27 Assessment from CMRPC (see attached)
01210 Police- Officer in Charge	\$14,000	\$12,650	Original request based off actual FY26 expense. Planning to promote a Sgt to a vacant position which should reduce expenses in the OIC line item.
01220 Fire- Wages FT Lt	\$82,714	\$78,787	Removed request for Captain and reduced line back to a Lt position
01220 Fire- Wages Part time	\$169,600	\$34,000	Removed \$135,000 to be in a separate warrant article for ATM
01220 Fire- Wage FT	\$70,138	\$71,613	Increase due to MOU
01429 Constr & Maint	\$600,000	\$300,000	Reduced by \$300,000 to be put in separate warrant article for ATM
01710 Retire of Debt-LTD	\$422,575	\$429,665	Incorrect # based on actual debt service schedule (may change again pending

			discussion with Financial Advisor)
01751 Retire of Debt- Int LTD	\$175,000	\$174,520	Incorrect # based on actual debt service schedule (may change again pending discussion with Financial Advisor)
01752 STD Prin & Int	\$2,050,781	\$280,085	Based on current schedule for BAN paydowns
01810 Cherry Sheet	\$48,447	\$56,310	Based on current FY27 Proposed State Aid
01911 County Retirement	\$1,323,166	\$1,449,416	Received FY27 Assessment from Worcester County Retirement (see attached)
060 Sewer Enterprise	\$1,332,792	\$1,309,610	Administration met with DPW Supt & Water & Sewer Chair to review department needs and updated budget accordingly
061 Water Enterprise	\$1,374,972	\$1,371,672	Administration met with DPW Supt & Water & Sewer Chair to review department needs and updated budget accordingly

Reduction of \$2,140,817.00 due to changes listed.