

GREENFIELD CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting Minutes

May 18, 2022

City Hall Meeting Room 2nd Floor and Zoom/Hybrid

6:30 pm

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by Acting Chair Vice President Daniel Guin.

CHAIRS STATEMENT: This meeting is being recorded by the City Council and GCTV-15. If any other persons present are doing the same you must notify the chairperson at this time. It was noted that Mary Byrne from the Recorder was also recording. **[In accordance with MGLc 30A SS 20(g)] “No person shall address a meeting of a public body without permission of the Chair and all persons shall, at the request of the chair, be silent. No person shall disrupt the proceedings of a meeting of a public body. If, after clear warning from the chair, a person continues to disrupt the proceedings, the chair may order the person to withdraw from the meeting and if the person does not withdraw, the chair may authorize a constable or other officer to remove the person from the meeting.”**

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS: Roll Call was taken. President Gilmour and Councilor Mayo appeared via Zoom; all other Councilors appeared in person.

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Roxann Wedegartner; City Clerk Kathryn J. Scott; Finance Director/City Auditor/City Accountant Elizabeth Gilman; Chief of Staff Danielle Letourneau; IT Director Fernando Fleury; Deputy Chief of Police William Gordon; Fire Chief Robert Strahan; DPW Director Marlo Warner; Community Development Director M J Adams; Health Department Director Jennifer Hoffman; GCTV-15 staff; Mary Byrne, *the Recorder*, and members of the public.

The Pledge of Allegiance was held.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: On a motion by Councilor Ricketts, second by Councilor Jarvis, it was unanimously,

VOTED: TO ACCEPT THE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF APRIL 20, 2022.

COMMUNICATIONS:

SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE: Superintendent DeBarge and Chair Proietti submitted a written monthly report to Council in lieu of appearing at meeting (see attached)

MAYOR, CITY OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES: Mayor Wedegartner reported the following:

- Health Department Director Jennifer Hoffman re-established PCR (Polymerase Chain Reaction) testing at Greenfield Community College.
- Dredging of the Leyden Glen reservoir would begin shortly.
- Presented a brief summary of the FY2023 Operating Budget the Councilors would be voting on at tonight's meeting.

OTHER CITY EMPLOYEES AS NEEDED, BY INVITATION: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: The following members of the public spoke:

- Michelle DeLisio, Garfield St., spoke to her opposition to the proposed marijuana cultivation facility on County Club Road.
- Sara Hannon, Country Club Rd., prepared a written statement as read by Michelle DeLisio which expressed her opposition to the proposed marijuana cultivation facility on Country Club Road.

- Susan Worgaftik, Forest Ave., commented on the current court case involving a former Greenfield police officer and to address issues concerning the Greenfield Police Department.
- David Schirm, Barton Rd., spoke in opposition to the proposed marijuana cultivation facility on Country Club Road.
- Laura Jordan, Elm Terrace, urged Councilors to repair the sidewalk on Columbus Avenue for the benefit of seniors and other individuals who have mobility issues and risk injury using the sidewalk in its current condition.
- Carisa Clifford, Mohawk Trail, spoke to her concerns with proposed plans that could affect individual property rights.
- Richard Pelc, Country Club Road, spoke to his opposition to the proposed marijuana cultivation facility on Country Club Road.
- David Cohen, Green River Rd., spoke to past instances involving legal issues involving the Greenfield Police Department.
- Kim Babineau, County Club Rd., spoke to her opposition to the proposed marijuana cultivation facility on Country Club Road, which would affect the water usage on the City.
- Robin Tibbetts, Country Club Rd., spoke to her opposition to the proposed marijuana cultivation facility on Country Club Road.
- Al Collins, Country Club Rd., spoke to his opposition to the proposed marijuana cultivation facility on Country Club Road and urged Councilors to reinstate the tier one limitation zoning bylaw.
- Diane Killeen, Country Club Rd., spoke to her opposition to the proposed marijuana cultivation facility on Country Club Road.
- William Johnston, Verde Dr., spoke to his opposition to the proposed marijuana cultivation facility on Country Club Road.
- Brian Hoffman, Barton Rd., spoke to his opposition to the proposed marijuana cultivation facility on Country Club Road.
- Barbara Morris, Country Club Rd., read a prepared statement from Sandy Kosterman, Barton Rd., who was unable to be at the meeting. She was opposing the proposed marijuana cultivation facility on Country Club Road.
- Dorothy McIver, Columbus Ave., spoke to the current court case involving a former Greenfield police officer.
- Rachel Gordon, Eastern Ave., spoke to the current court case involving a former Greenfield police officer and urged the Councilors to reduce the proposed FY23 police budget.
- Armene' Margosian, Petty Plane Rd., spoke to her experience with the noise levels produced from the Green River Festival last year and her dealings with the festival's coordinator, Jim Olsen, as well as the Mayor's office.
- Nancy McIver, Plantation Cir., spoke to her support for a moratorium on marijuana cultivation facilities.
- Jon Magee, Green St., spoke to his concerns of the Greenfield Police Department and the image of racism that had been displayed by some police officers. He encouraged Councilors to reduce the FY23 budget for the Police Department.
- Wendy Goodman, Green River Rd., spoke to her dismay with the Chief of Police of Greenfield and the proposed decision by the Mayor to appeal the court decision.
- Marianna Ritchey, Beech St., urged the Councilors to reduce the FY23 budget for the Police Department.
- Benjamin Miner, Chapman St., spoke to the current court case involving a former Greenfield police officer and the proposed decision by the Mayor to appeal the court decision. He urged the Councilors to reduce the FY23 budget for the Police Department.
- Pamela Goodwin, High St., spoke to her dismay with the direction the City government in Greenfield has taken with the current issues the City was involved in.

- Molly Merrett, Solar Way, urged the Councilors to reduce the FY23 budget for the Police Department.
- Doug Selwyn, Forest Ave., spoke to his dismay that two mayors for the City of Greenfield have not properly addressed the police department's history of racism and requested the Councilors reduce the FY23 budget for the Police Department.
- Ella Condon, Beech St., urged the Councilors to reduce the FY23 budget for the Police Department.
- Mireille Bejjani, Peabody Ln., supports the reduction of the FY23 budget for the Police Department.
- Kasey Richards, Smead Hill Rd., spoke to her opposition to the proposed marijuana cultivation facility on Country Club Road.
- Annie Hassett, Leonard St., spoke to the many issues facing the United States and how we can better ourselves and our community.
- Teegrey Iannuzzi, Baker Rd., Shutesbury, spoke in support of a former Greenfield police officer and the recent court case that was decided in his favor. She spoke of the sad history of racism in our Country and especially in the culture of policing.
- Julia Peters, Mountain St., Williamsburg, spoke to the affects from the production of greenhouse gases from waste and its effects on climate change. She is inquiring if the City of Greenfield would like to provide a letter of interest to learn more about sustainability of reusable energy through waste.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: Councilor Forgey read the public hearing notice:

PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with Home Rule Charter, the Greenfield City Council will hold a public hearing on Wed., May 18, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. at John Zon Community Center, 35 Pleasant St., to receive public input on the following:

- Increase the FY22 Ambulance Revolving Spending Limit.
- Appropriate \$50,000 from Free Cash to Compensated Absences Fund 8450.
- FY2023 Operating Budget
 - Appropriate \$58,329,672 for FY2023 General Fund Budget
 - Appropriate \$100,000 from Fund 8406 – OPEB Stabilization – to reduce FY2023 General Fund Operating Budget Raise and Amount from \$58,029,672 to \$57,929,672.
 - Establish Spending Limit on Revolving Funds not to exceed \$680,557
 - Appropriate \$1,666,258 FY2023 Water Enterprise Fund
 - Appropriate \$2,565,093 FY2023 Sewer Enterprise Fund
 - Appropriate \$2,042,234 FY2023 GCET Enterprise Fund

The City Council may consider the same on Wed., May 18, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. at John Zon Community Center, 35 Pleasant St. Materials can be obtained from the City Clerk's Office, 14 Court Sq. from 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Mon. - Fri. or phone 413-772-1555, x. 6163.

Sheila Gilmour, Greenfield City Council President

Acting Chair Vice President Guin opened public hearing at 8:13 pm.

Councilor Forgey read the second reading:

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Acting Chair Vice President Guin asked if anyone from the public would like to speak. Seeing none, he closed the public hearing at 8:15 pm.

A 5 minute recess called by the Chair at 8:16 pm.

The meeting reconvened at 8:26 pm.

MOTIONS, ORDERS, AND RESOLUTIONS

Order no. FY 22-140

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Bottomley, second by Councilor Ricketts, it was,

MOVED: THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL RECONSIDERS THE FOLLOWING MOTION DEFEATED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON APRIL 20, 2022:

Order no. FY 22-103

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Terounzo, second by Councilor Forgey, it was by majority, 7 yes, 3 no, 1 abstention, (9 positive votes required to pass),

DEFEATED: THAT IT BE ORDERED THE CITY COUNCIL, UPON RECOMMENDATION OF MAYOR WEDEGARTNER, THE SUM OF \$60,000 BE APPROPRIATED FOR THE MILL AND OVERLAY PAVING PHASE I OF LEGION AVENUE PARKING LOT AND TO MEET SAID APPROPRIATION TRANSFER \$60,000 FROM FUND 8402 CAPITAL STABILIZATION.

DISCUSSION: Councilor Bottomley explained documentation regarding this issue was not provided to the Council at the time of the vote and the Councilors later received additional backup in reference to this request. However, most Councilors agree the document they received did little to persuade them to vote in favor of this issue.

It was by roll call, 10 yes, 3 no,

VOTED: TO APPROVE ORDER NO. FY 22-140.

Order no. FY22-103 was on the floor for consideration: THAT IT BE ORDERED THE CITY COUNCIL, UPON RECOMMENDATION OF MAYOR WEDEGARTNER, THE SUM OF \$60,000 BE APPROPRIATED FOR THE MILL AND OVERLAY PAVING PHASE I OF LEGION AVENUE PARKING LOT AND TO MEET SAID APPROPRIATION TRANSFER \$60,000 FROM FUND 8402 CAPITAL STABILIZATION.

DISCUSSION: DPW Director Marlo Warner noted some of the work on the parking lot had begun in 2019, when “Phase I” of the project was initiated and the funds came out of the DPW’s operating budget. Chief of Staff Letourneau spoke to the possibility of legal action by the owner of the portion of the parking lot used by the City if the conditions of the lease were not met.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Jarvis, second by Councilor Ricketts, it was unanimously,

VOTED: TO CALL THE QUESTION.

It was by roll call, 1 yes, 10 no, 1 abstention,

DEFEATED: TO APPROVE ORDER NO. FY 22-103.

Order no. FY 22-146

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Bullock, second by Councilor Forgey, it was unanimously, **VOTED:** THAT IT BE ORDERED THE CITY COUNCIL, UPON RECOMMENDATION OF MAYOR WEDEGARTNER, THE GREENFIELD BOARD OF HEALTH, AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH MGL CH.252, SECTION 2A(B)(2), OPTS THE CITY OF GREENFIELD OUT OF THE STATE RECLAMATION AND MOSQUITO CONTROL BOARD (SRMCB).

Order no. FY 22-130

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Terounzo, second by Councilor Ricketts, it was, **MOVED:** THAT IT BE ORDERED THE CITY COUNCIL, UPON RECOMMENDATION OF MAYOR WEDEGARTNER, THE SUM OF \$58,329,672 , WHICH IN THE FULL AMOUNT NECESSARY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023 GENERAL FUND BUDGET (JULY 1, 2022 TO JUNE 30, 2023), BE APPROPRIATED FOR THE PURPOSES STATED. TO MEET SAID APPROPRIATION, \$250,000 WILL BE TRANSFERRED FROM THE PARKING METER RECEIPTS RESERVED AND \$50,000 FROM FREE CASH; \$ 58,029,672 WILL BE RAISED AND APPROPRIATED.

Legislative FY2023 Budget \$89,207 - Councilor Forgey reported the Ways & Means Committee forwarded a unanimous positive recommendation. The Council voted unanimously to approve as presented.

Executive FY2023 Budget \$434,651 - Councilor Forgey reported the Ways & Means Committee forwarded a majority negative recommendation of 1 yes, 4 no on the Mayor Salary & Wages Line Item.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Gilmour, second by Councilor Mayo, it was, **MOVED:** TO AMEND THE MAYOR SALARY & WAGES LINE ITEM BY \$3,098.00, REDUCING THE TOTAL FROM \$229,925 TO \$226,827.

After clarification was presented, President Gilmour withdrew her motion to amend and Councilor Mayo withdrew his second.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Lapienski, second by Councilor Mayo, it was, **MOVED:** TO AMEND THE MAYOR SALARY & WAGES LINE ITEM BY \$23,157, REDUCING THE TOTAL FROM \$229,925 TO \$206,768.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Bullock, second by Councilor Elmer, it was, **MOVED:** TO AMEND THE MAYOR SALARY & WAGES LINE ITEM BY \$3,098, REDUCING THE TOTAL FROM \$229,925 TO \$226,827.

It was by roll call, 11 yes, 2 no,

VOTED: TO AMEND THE MAYOR SALARY & WAGES LINE BY \$3,098.

Motion made by Councilor Lapienski was now on the floor, as amended: TO AMEND THE MAYOR SALARY & WAGES LINE ITEM BY ~~\$23,157~~ **\$3,098**, REDUCING THE TOTAL FROM \$229,925 TO ~~\$206,768~~ **\$226,827**.

It was by roll call, 11 yes, 1 no, 1 abstention,

VOTED: TO REDUCE MAYOR SALARY & WAGES LINE ITEM BY \$3,098.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Disorgher, second by Councilor Jarvis, it was, **MOVED:** TO AMEND THE MAYOR EXPENDITURES LINE ITEM BY \$8,000, REDUCING THE TOTAL FROM \$27,827 TO \$19,827.

It was by majority,

VOTED: TO REDUCE MAYOR EXPENDITURES LINE ITEM BY \$8,000.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Forgey, second by Councilor Jarvis, it was unanimously,

VOTED: TO APPROVE THE EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATION SALARY & WAGES LINE ITEM \$81,456.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Desorgher, second by Councilor Lapienski, it was by roll call, 4 yes, 9 no,

DEFEATED: TO AMEND THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & MARKETING SALARY & WAGES LINE ITEM BY \$14,650, REDUCING THE TOTAL FROM \$70,593 TO \$55,943.

Total Executive FY2023 Budget reduced to \$423,553.

Reserve Fund \$75,000 – Councilor Forgey reported the Ways & Means Committee forwarded a majority negative recommendation; 2 yes, 2 no, 1 abstention.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Desorgher, second by Councilor Lapienski, it was,

MOVED: TO AMEND THE RESERVE FUND LINE ITEM BY \$75,000, REDUCING THE TOTAL FROM \$75,000 TO 0.

DISCUSSION: Clarification was made as to the use and purpose of these funds.

It was by majority, 4 yes, 9 no,

DEFEATED: TO REDUCE THE RESERVE FUND LINE ITEM TO 0.

Accounting FY2023 Budget \$415,642 – Councilor Forgey reported the Ways & Means Committee forwarded a unanimous positive recommendation.

Independent Town (City) Audit FY2023 Budget \$60,000 – Councilor Forgey reported the Ways & Means Committee forwarded a majority positive recommendation, 4 yes, 1 no.

Assessors FY2023 Budget \$218,319 – Councilor Forgey reported the Ways & Means Committee forwarded a unanimous positive recommendation.

Treasurer/Collector FY2023 Budget \$260,892 – Councilor Forgey reported the Ways & Means Committee forwarded a unanimous positive recommendation.

Tax Title FY2023 Budget \$67,500 – Councilor Forgey reported the Ways & Means Committee forwarded a unanimous positive recommendation.

Legal FY2023 Budget \$195,000 – Councilor Forgey reported the Ways & Means Committee forwarded a unanimous positive recommendation.

Human Resources FY2023 Budget \$250,446 – Councilor Forgey reported the Ways & Means Committee forwarded a unanimous positive recommendation.

Greenfield Technology Department FY2023 Budget \$622,118 – Councilor Forgey reported the Ways & Means Committee forwarded a unanimous positive recommendation.

Town (City) Clerk FY2023 Budget \$166,350 – Councilor Forgey reported the Ways & Means Committee forwarded a unanimous positive recommendation.

Elections FY2023 Budget \$29,660 – Councilor Forgey reported the Ways & Means Committee forwarded a unanimous positive recommendation.

Board of Registrars FY2023 Budget \$17,500 – Councilor Forgey reported the Ways & Means Committee forwarded a unanimous positive recommendation.

Licensing Commission FY2023 Budget \$39,623 – Councilor Forgey reported the Ways & Means Committee forwarded a unanimous positive recommendation.

Conservation Commission FY2023 Budget \$600 – Councilor Forgey reported the Ways & Means Committee forwarded a unanimous positive recommendation.

Planning Board FY2023 Budget \$600 – Councilor Forgey reported the Ways & Means Committee forwarded a unanimous positive recommendation.

Zoning Board of Appeals FY2023 Budget \$600 – Councilor Forgey reported the Ways & Means Committee forwarded a unanimous positive recommendation.

Planning & Community Development FY2023 Budget \$115,352 – Councilor Forgey reported the Ways & Means Committee forwarded a unanimous positive recommendation.

A 3 minutes recess was called by the Chair at 10:45pm.
The meeting reconvened at 10:49pm.

Central Services FY2023 Budget \$309,307 – Ways & Means forwarded a unanimous positive recommendation.

Central Maintenance FY2023 Budget \$556,856 – Ways & Means forwarded a unanimous positive recommendation.

Energy Department FY2023 Budget \$938,535 – Councilor Forgey forwarded a unanimous positive recommendation.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Terounzo, second by Councilor Lapienski, it was,
MOVED: TO ADJOURN TO A TIME CERTAIN OF MAY 19, 2022, AT 6:30 PM, AT THE JOHN ZON TO CONTINUE FROM THIS POINT WHERE WE ARE AT RIGHT NOW.

DISCUSSION: Councilors were concerned of the short time frame in which they received notice of a possibility to this meeting being continued to the next day and could disrupt their planned schedules.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Lapienski, second by Councilor Mayo, it was by roll call, 12 yes, 1 no,
VOTED: TO CALL THE QUESTION.

Motion to Continue Meeting to May 19, 2022, at 6:30pm, was now on the floor for a vote.

It was by roll call, 8 yes, 3 no, 2 abstention,
VOTED: TO CONTINUE THE MEETING TO MAY 19, 2022, 6:30 PM.

Councilors adjourned at 11:00pm, and will reconvene Thursday, May 19, 2022, 6:30 pm, at John Zon Community Center.

A true copy,

Attest: _____
 Kathryn J. Scott, City Clerk

GREENFIELD CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

John Zon Community Center/Zoom (Hybrid)
 Regular Meeting
 May 18, 2022

	Attendance	FY22-140 Reconsider	FY22-103	Bullock - Reduce Mayor Salary \$3,098	Lapienski's amended	Desorgher - Reduce EDM Salary \$14,650	Call Question Continue	Continue meeting to May 19th
1. Jarvis, Edward	Y	Y	Abs	N	N	N	Y	N
2. Guin, Daniel	Y	Y	---	Y	Y	N	N	Abs
3. Desorgher, Virginia	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
4. Bottomley, John	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
5. Bullock, Marianne	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
6. Gilmour, Sheila	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Abs
7. Lapienski, Jasper	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
8. Mayo, Douglas	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
9. Helie, Derek	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N
10. Elmer, Philip	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
11. Forgey, Christine	Y	Y	N	Y	Abs	N	Y	Y
12. Ricketts, Penny	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N
13. Terounzo, Michael	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
		10 y 3 n	1 y 11 n 1 abs	11 y 2 n	11 y 1 n 1 ab	4 yes 9 no	12 y 1 no	8 yes 3 no 2 abs

Submitted to the Council for the May 18, 2022 City Council



GREENFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Christine DeBarge Ed. D, Superintendent of Schools

To: Greenfield City Council

From: Dr. DeBarge and Chair Proietti

Date: May 18, 2022

RE: District Monthly Report

- **Film Fest/Arts Night:** The Greenfield Schools’ Film Fest and Arts Night will return on May 20th at 6 pm. More information can be found on the district’s website.
- **Senior Class Trip:** The seniors will travel to High Meadows in Granby, CT for the day on May 31.
- **NESDEC Study:** The NESDEC Best Use of Educational Facilities study has begun. Building and district level administrators are completing documents for the NESDEC staff and virtual tours of the buildings are complete. Christine, Karin Patenaude, and Eric Hevy visited the buildings with NESDEC representatives to review some of the spaces in person. This included all currently used schools and Green River. They are still on schedule to present their findings and options for the School Committee’s consideration at the June meeting. We are also planning community and staff opportunities for input regarding the findings and options.
- **COVID:** There is an increase in COVID cases, not just in the Greenfield Public Schools but also in the community, the Commonwealth and the Northeast. The week of May 2 we saw our first pocket of significant, school-based spread. Christine has been collaborating with Meg Tudryn and Jennifer Hoffman from the Greenfield Health Department, as well as with the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education regarding recommendations and next steps. We have communicated the need for mask wearing in classrooms where all staff and students were identified as close contacts. We will have windows open to increase ventilation, we continue to have separate desks for students who prefer to work in individual work space and also have desks for cafeteria for students who prefer not to eat at round tables with peers. We have a significant number of staff and students who elect to wear masks daily or at times when they have been exposed outside of school. Everyone is welcome to continue to wear masks and we continue to have them available throughout the schools. The Greenfield Schools also continue to pool

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test and do symptomatic testing. We will continue to follow recommendations as this school year progresses.

- **Staffing Update:** The second round of interviews is being scheduled for principal of Newton School. We are grateful to Karin Patenaude for facilitating the first round of interviews, and for the staff and parents who gave their time to participate in this process. We also are beginning the interview process for Director of Technology. Karin Patenaude, Mike Svinis and Fernando Fleury will join Christine for the interviews. The goal is to have someone appointed prior to July 1. Michael Browning has accepted the offer for the permanent principal at Discovery School. We are very pleased to have him officially onboard in that capacity. We continue to struggle with staffing all of our open positions across all buildings and positions. This struggle is not unique to Greenfield and Superintendents regularly share staffing challenges across the region. We have advertised in a variety of resources, engaged in a DESE sponsored "blast" of positions earlier in the year, and made phone calls to prior applicants. In an effort to hopefully increase our applicant pool, we are posting all known or anticipated positions for the School Year 2022-2023. Our desire is to fill as many positions early in the summer as possible.
- **Fair Share Amendment Resolution:** At the May 11 meeting, the School Committee passed a Resolution in Support of the Fair Share Amendment. The Fair Share Amendment, if passed statewide in November, will create an additional tax of four percentage points on annual income above one million dollars and dedicate the funds raised by this tax to quality public education, affordable public colleges and universities, and for repair and maintenance of roads, bridges, and public transportation.

Sincerely,

Christine DeBarge, Ed. D
Superintendent

Amy Proietti
School Committee Chair

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Received @ 5/18/22 Council mtg public comment

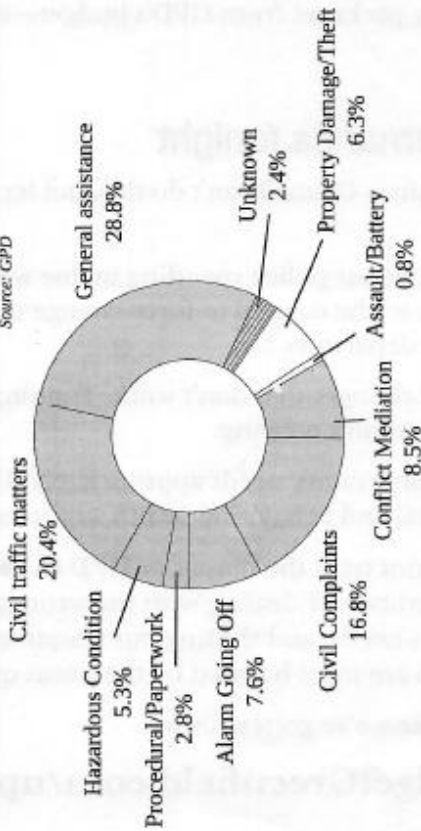
How do the police spend their time?

GPD Press Logs by Call Type*

April 2019 - June 2020

*Note: Data reflect call content and do not indicate criminal charges filed. Our categories here reflect content of the log entries we reviewed, not just categories used by GPD.

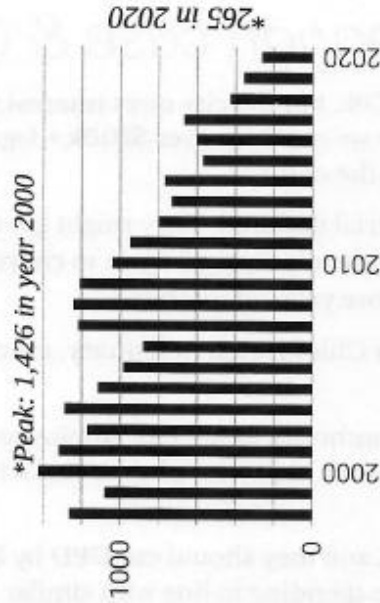
Source: GPD



Total annual arrests by GPD

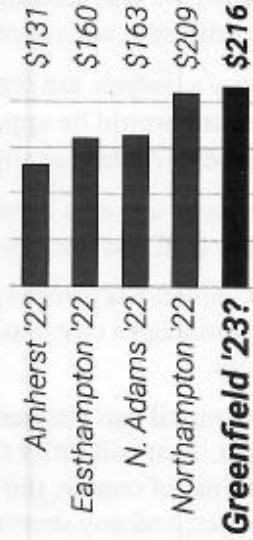
1998 - 2020

Source: MA Crime Statistics



How do the police spend our money?

Police dept. spending per capita



\$160 per capita = \$1 million off of the Mayor's 2023 GPD budget

Injuries From Officers' Use of Force in 2020

18 total reports of injuries



14 happened on calls about mental health or substance use

AT LEAST 14 injuries that wouldn't have happened if we had civilian mobile crisis response

PeoplesBudgetGreenfield.com/crisis-response

5/18 Updates on Buchanan case & GPD

- The court awarded Patrick Buchanan \$450k, but the city owes **interest from the date the case was filed in 2017**. Currently we owe him over **\$700k + legal fees**. The longer the case, the more we owe him in the end.
- The city's lawyers are trying to get a mistrial declared. They might get that, but that ruling would be appealed—meaning the case will go again to court, and Greenfield will lose again & owe a few more years of interest.
- The mayor signed a **3-year contract with Chief Haigh in January**, even though the jury trial was underway.
- City Council has limited powers and no authority to fire city employees. The Mayor manages city departments, so we have to pressure her to make the changes we want.
- **City Council can cut budget allocations**, and they should **cut GPD by \$1 million tonight**. That will bring Greenfield police spending in line with similar towns—excluding, of course, the hundreds of thousands our insurance will pay to Buchanan and any severance deals the Mayor might cut. But firing McCarthy and Haigh will cut two of the biggest salary packages from GPD's budget—together over \$300k.

Suggested talking points and demands tonight

- Get rid of Chief Haigh and Lt. McCarthy—Council can't do this, but let them know we want them gone.
- Cut the GPD budget by \$1 million. Bring our police spending in line with similar towns, and use the only lever available to the council to force change on an anti-democratic mayor and corrupt police department.
- Don't spend our money on superficial changes that don't work: Training. Co-responder/ride-along clinicians. Community policing.
- Spend our money on addressing community needs appropriately: Housing. Public health & harm reduction. Mental and behavioral health supports.
- **Nothing about us without us**. We cannot trust the mayor or GPD to deal with their issues. Start a thorough, public process of dealing with the wrongdoing at GPD, acknowledging our community's needs, and shifting our resources where they belong. Prioritize the people who are most harmed by the status quo.
- We will not let this rest until we feel like we've gotten justice.

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