

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT



Ryan M. McLane

November 18, 2025

Town Events and Town Hall News

TA Coffee Hour

My December Coffee Hour is moving indoors despite my continued hope for mild weather. I will be hosting the next event on December 2 from 10–11 AM in the Parlin Room at Town Hall. While I plan to focus on updates regarding the Town's budget and long-term financial planning, residents are welcome to stop by and discuss any priorities or questions.

Human Resources Report and Appointments

We are notifying the Board of the following employee appointments:

Town Administrator Appointments

- Scott Hammond – Interim Building Commissioner
- Zachariah Coleman – Police Officer

HR Report from Assistant Town Administrator and HR Director Aubrey Thomas

We are saddened to report that Jon Metivier has moved on to a new opportunity outside of Carlisle after ten years of dedicated service as our Building Commissioner. Jon has been an invaluable colleague and resource, and we wish him every success in his new role.

We are pleased to announce that Scott Hammond will serve as our Interim Building Commissioner. Scott has been our on-call Commissioner for several years, working closely under Jon's guidance, and has served as the primary Commissioner on multiple occasions. He has built strong relationships with Town staff and residents and has agreed to serve as Interim through December 31st, during which time we will continue the search for a permanent replacement.

We are also excited to welcome Zach Coleman to our Police Department, contingent upon the successful completion of his physical and background check. Officer Coleman brings 15 years of experience with the Dracut Police Department, serving as a K-9 Handler and working alongside agencies such as the ATF, DEA, and FBI. A U.S. Coast Guard veteran and Field Training Officer, he is also

a member of the NEMLEC K-9 Command Cadre. Committed to community engagement, Officer Coleman regularly participates in public outreach events and helped establish the Dracut Police Honor Guard in 2024.

Department Updates and Information

Byrne Justice Assistance Grants

From Chief Amendola:

The JAG Byrne Grant is an essential source of funding that helps police departments enhance public safety and improve community trust. It allows agencies to purchase critical equipment, support specialized training, and invest in technology that strengthens operations and accountability. Both SGT Mastrogiovanni and Communication Director Kirk Bishop collaborated to secure a grant, enabling our Department to incorporate modern tools and practical strategies to enhance our Police Department and Community initiatives. They secured a total grant amount of \$26,250. This was an outstanding job and partnership between Communications and the Police Department.

Audubon Lane Study

Nitsch Engineering has completed the Audubon Lane study requested by the Select Board following a resident petition concerning changes in water flow affecting her property. I will distribute the full report to the Board prior to your next meeting, and the Chair has set aside time on an upcoming agenda to review the study's findings and recommendations.

Legislative Breakfast

Gretchen represented Carlisle at the recent MMA Legislative Breakfast in Chelmsford. While many of the themes echoed prior years' discussions, the regional message was clear: communities continue to face insufficient funding for infrastructure, schools, and rising mandatory costs such as health insurance. I have attached the presentation to this report for the Board's review. A special thanks to Gretchen for bringing this information back.

CCA Semi Annual Report

The attached report from Sustainability Coordinator Sarah Wasserman updates the Board on the Town's Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) program. While the program has generally saved residents money and provided rate stability, recent trends show that the CCA is no longer outperforming most basic utility rates. Sarah will continue to provide these updates to support informed decision-making by the Board and the community regarding the program's future.

Transfer of DPW SUV to the COAHS (Vote)

From COAHS Direct Geoff Kotowski:

The goal of acquiring an additional SUV is to improve transportation efficiency, reduce costs, and better support existing staff and community needs—not to expand services or increase spending. Currently, COAHS operates a 14-passenger van, one minivan, and one SUV. The SUV is often used for Boston-area

trips, leaving only the minivan for local rides. When the minivan is unavailable, staff must deploy the 14-passenger van for single-passenger or short distance trips—an option that is inefficient and costly in both fuel and maintenance. Staff also frequently use their personal vehicles for work-related travel, such as meetings, home visits, and outreach, resulting in mileage reimbursements (\$700 to date, averaging \$50–\$75/month) and insurance concerns for employees.

Proposal - A second SUV would allow COAHS to:

- *Use the most cost-effective vehicle for local, single-passenger rides and errands.*
- *Support Meals on Wheels, outreach, and shopping trips more efficiently.*
- *Provide safe, insured transportation for staff attending meetings or home visits.*
- *Reduce wear on larger vehicles and lower overall fleet operating costs.*

If the Select Board agrees with this proposal, the Board should vote to declare the vehicle surplus, then assign it to the COAHS.

Charitable Donation (Vote)

The COAHS received an anonymous \$1,000 donation in honor of “Maggie” Majewski Ascolillo, with the donor requesting that the funds support residents experiencing financial hardship or crisis. COAHS staff asks that the Board vote to accept this gift and establish a Community Crisis Gift Account to provide direct assistance to Carlisle residents.

Budget Updates

Materials describing the Town’s financial forecast and preliminary capital planning modeling are now complete and posted on the Carlisle [budget information website](#). Residents and officials can use this page to review the most up to date information about the FY27 budget.

The Finance Committee is now working through the FY27 budget requests, hoping to scrub the list in preparation for budget discussions early next year. This will occur prior to the first draft of the budget, presented jointly to the Select Board and Finance Committee on December 16th.

Departments received official guidance on their budget requests including the Select Board’s direction to provide information about a 1 percent reduction in costs. All budgets are due by December 5th, in time for inclusion in the budget’s first draft. Both school administrations received the Finance Committee’s guidance and is aware of the timelines.

The Town received notice from MIIA/Cabot Risk regarding the 2026 renewal rates for retiree health insurance plans. Due to rising health care costs nationwide and regionally, the Town’s retiree plan rates will increase an estimated 12.33% effective January 1, 2026. According to MIIA, contributing factors include higher medical and pharmacy costs, increased utilization of services, moderate Medicare cost-sharing increases, and reduced federal subsidies under the Inflation Reduction Act impacting Part D prescription coverage. HR will mail letters to all retirees this week detailing the rate increases and providing information for the November open enrollment period.

Capital Project Updates

Gleason Clock Repair

The recent analysis of Town Trust Funds resulted in renewed awareness in a Trust Fund for the repair and maintenance of the Gleason Clock. Staff requests that the Board vote to expend funds from the Gleason Clock Trust Fund to offset the cost of the recent repair. The current expendable balance is about \$1,450 and the invoice totaled \$1,500. The remaining balance will be charged to the Select Board Expense account (the appropriate account for the expense).

Elevator Modernization Project

The lowest bidder for the project is New England Builders & Contractors Inc. with a total proposal of \$1,045,382 with an alternate (maintenance contract) of \$6,000. This does exceed the Town Meeting appropriation of \$1,039,609. The Municipal Facilities Committee agreed to earmark \$25,000 from their maintenance funding to support the project's competition. We are completing the final reference checks for the apparent low bidder before awarding a final contract.

Brick Building HVAC and Weatherization Project

Boston Mechanical started the construction process, reviewing submittals and holding a kickoff meeting with our engineering firm GGD. Construction has been coordinated with the recreation department and will be completed with minimal programming interruption. I will update the Board when a final construction date is available.

Town Hall Bathroom Renovation and Mechanical Room Expansion

This project was awarded to Fort Meadow Builders for a total cost of \$51,828. This includes all four bathrooms to include updating the plumbing, the source of our flooding problem earlier this year. The MFC will review the bids at their meeting next week and we hope to have a contract in place prior to the Thanksgiving holiday. It is our understanding that construction will begin immediately.

We also received a final bid for the MFC's Town Hall Mechanical Room expansion. The base bid totaled \$52,828 with an alternate of \$5,000 for adding a water softening unit. This expansion would allow the MFC to complete additional maintenance projects and free up much needed space. The MFC will review this final bid and make a recommendation on awarding the contract at their next meeting.

Cemetery Mapping and Software Implementation

The Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) portion of the project is complete and is being integrated into the mapping. The cemetery is mostly laid out, but the Cemetery Committee is probably 1-2 mapping sessions away from completing the maps and starting the data migration. Gretchen has been assigned to this Committee during this project to help the group with the project's implementation.

Supplemental 2025 Road Maintenance

Paving is now complete with residents on Pheasant Hill sending many thanks for all the final work on

their road. As you know, this road never received a topcoat and had significant drainage issues. The Select Board discovered this problem at your 2024 road maintenance hearing and identified this issue as a top priority. It is now complete. This year's additional road maintenance included:

- Grading and paving Pheasant Hill
- Grading and paving Berry Corner Lane
- Repairing and paving Acton Street

The only portion of the project not yet complete is the CPS Facilities Parking Lot. We are hoping to have this small, but important section paved before the winter months.

Community Preservation Act (CPA) Projects

Banta Davis Track Rehabilitation

Residents are free to enjoy this newly paved track, complete with more ADA parking and access. The final portion of this project will be grading the project slopes and seeding for future grass.

Diment Park Study

The subcommittee ran into some contracting issues with the selected designer and is now in negotiation with new designer. The issue is centered on contract language and our inability to properly protect the Town. We hope to bring a new update to the Board in December.

Hydrology Studies – Greenough and Cranberry Bog

No new information.

Bog House Affordable Housing Feasibility Study

With the Town Planner now free from the significant MBTA lift, we have started to focus on this project, working with our engineering firms to bring recommendations and information to the CAHT and the Select Board. This project will be a significant part of your work in December.

Building Construction Projects

Library Renovation

No new information.

Police Station Renovation

The PSBRC continues to meet regularly with APC, TBA, and CMS to monitor project progress. Foundation work is now complete, and the contaminated soil has been isolated and removed, allowing the project to move beyond its most challenging phase. We expect to have the final decontamination cost for your next meeting, and current estimates indicate it will remain within the project contingency.

Fire Station Renovation

Carlisle residents voted 246–54 (unofficial) to approve the debt exclusion for the fire station renovation design. We will now work with Tecton and CMS to develop an aggressive schedule for completing the design documents and preparing the project for bid. Our goal is to present finalized bid numbers to voters at Annual Town Meeting in May.

DPW Building

Your Chair has scheduled two meeting discussions about this topic to decide whether to move this project forward. Discussion points include finalizing a conceptual design, a project timeline, and the anticipated costs.

Upcoming Discussion Topics

FY2027 Budget: The Board will receive the first draft of the FY27 Budget at the December 16th meeting. The Finance Committee will also offer their initial look at the FY27 capital plan.

Volunteer Board Residency Requirements: The Board will continue this discussion topic at an upcoming meeting to inform your FY27 appointment cycle.

Goal Review: The Board will review your annual goals to help inform new Town Administrator goals following the TA evaluation.

Approval Notifications

- We approved a rotary sign advertising the Carlisle Congregational Church to advertise Christmas Eve service. The sign will be in the rotary from December 10 to December 24.
- We approved a rotary sign advertising the CCHS Spring Musical. The sign will be in the rotary from May 2 to May 9.
- We approved a rotary sign and several signs on Town land advertising the Gleason Public Library Books and Brews Event. The signs will be in the rotary and around Town from November 15 to November 22.

Staff Recognition

I would like to recognize the following staff members and volunteers for their outstanding contributions to the Town of Carlisle:

Jeremy Gagne and Layne Lencki

I want to thank Jeremy and Layne for strengthening the DPW's capabilities by earning their

Commercial Driver's Licenses (CDL). These licenses authorize them to operate large, heavy, and specialized vehicles and equipment subject to federal and state commercial motor vehicle regulations. To obtain their CDL, Jeremy and Layne passed the written knowledge exam, completed the required driver training, and successfully passed the CDL road skills test.

Town Meeting Efforts

Many people deserve recognition for the smooth and well-run Fall Town Meeting. I want to thank Ashley and her staff for efficiently processing voters; Aubrey and Gretchen for their extensive support work leading up to the meeting; Julie and the Planning Board for their dedication throughout a very challenging process; Wayne Davis for his ongoing commitment to Town Meeting procedure; and my Facilities Team—Stephen, Nancy, Al, and Steve—for their time, effort, and resilience in managing a complex logistical setup.

In a situation where many things could have gone wrong, the meeting ran exceptionally well, allowing residents to focus on the important and difficult decisions before them.

COAHS Flu Clinic

The COAHS held two successful vaccine clinics this month, demonstrating strong coordination and community service. The October 3 Senior Clinic, hosted in conjunction with the Board of Health, provided flu and COVID-19 shots to residents 60 plus in age and supported homebound individuals. The October 18 Community Clinic, held in coordination with Walgreens, served 134 residents and administered a wide range of vaccines. The clinic also accommodated more than 35 walk-ins. The event ran smoothly, maintained privacy, and offered a welcoming environment with refreshments, crafts, and a showing of Hocus Pocus. With appropriate staffing and no medical or supply issues, these clinics reflect the department's continued commitment to effective public health programming for Carlisle residents.

Jon Metivier

There are so many reasons to thank Jon for his ten years of exceptional service to Carlisle. He has been a versatile, dedicated employee whose contributions will be difficult—if not impossible—to replace. When I arrived in Carlisle, Jon had just completed his service as Planning Administrator, a role he took on while still serving as Building Commissioner. His commitment continued when Sylvia retired; Jon stepped in as Interim Conservation Administrator for several months, ensuring seamless service during a critical transition. This level of dedication is truly unmatched, and the Town of Lincoln is fortunate to welcome him.

While Jon's service to the community stands out, I will also remember the personal support he offered me—his deep institutional knowledge, steady guidance, and willingness to help made all the difference to a new Town Administrator learning the community. I know many newer Carlisle employees feel the same sense of thanks. Thank you, Jon, and best wishes for success in all that lies ahead.

Upcoming Select Board Dates of Interest

- **November 20-21:** TA, MMMA Conference

- **December 2:** Regular Select Board Meeting
- **December 16:** Regular Select Board Meeting

Upcoming Select Board Meeting Draft Agenda

Coming soon!



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Healey-Driscoll Administration Invests Over \$5.5 Million to Strengthen Public Safety Across Massachusetts

Federal funds support local police, prosecutors and statewide initiatives

BRAINTREE – The Healey-Driscoll Administration today announced **\$5.5 million** in federal funding to support local and statewide public safety initiatives across Massachusetts. Awarded through the **Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program**, these investments will provide 171 local police departments and 28 state agencies with resources to address community safety needs, modernize equipment, and expand innovative prevention strategies.

Administered by the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security's Office of Grants and Research (OGR), the funds support efforts ranging from officer training and community-based violence prevention programs to technology upgrades like body-worn cameras, automated license plate readers, and forensic lab improvements.

"Massachusetts continues to see a decline in violent crime, with serious offenses dropping nearly 10 percent over the past two years. These grants will help keep that momentum going," said **Governor Maura Healey**. "During a recent series of public safety roundtables across the state, I heard directly from law enforcement, prosecutors, and community partners about what is working on the ground. Grant programs, like Byrne JAG, allow us to take those lessons and continue putting resources where they can have the greatest impact."

"Every community faces different challenges, from combatting opioid use to investing in at-risk youth programming," said **Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll**. "These funds recognize that local departments benefit from having the flexibility to choose solutions that most fit their residents' needs while promoting safer, stronger communities across Massachusetts."

"This year's awards reflect a wide range of priorities. State and local departments are directing funds toward initiatives such as expanding mental health co-response teams, updating technology to improve transparency and accountability, and advancing other critical public safety strategies," said **Interim Public Safety and Security Secretary Susan W. Terrey**.

“Together, these targeted investments build on the Healey-Driscoll Administration’s broader commitment to community safety, innovation, and prevention.”

“These grants have a significant impact on the safety and wellbeing of Massachusetts communities. Police departments serving Massachusetts communities of all sizes are now better equipped to meet the needs of those they serve,” said **OGR Executive Director Kevin Stanton**.

Grant recipients include:

Local Law Enforcement Grant Recipient	Award Amount	Local Law Enforcement Grant Recipient	Award Amount
Abington Police Department	\$26,160	East Brookfield Police Department	\$20,000
Amesbury Police Department	\$20,000	Eastham Police Department	\$27,032
Amherst Police Department	\$17,320	Easthampton Police Department	\$9,864
Ashburnham Police Department	\$30,000	Fairhaven Police Department	\$22,112
Ashby Police Department	\$30,000	Fall River Police Department	\$29,790
Ashland Police Department	\$30,000	Fitchburg Police Department	\$29,556
Auburn Police Department	\$18,250	Foxborough Police Department	\$24,000
Avon Police Department	\$24,000	Framingham Police Department	\$30,000
Ayer Police Department	\$25,000	Freetown Police Department	\$20,000
Barnstable Police Department	\$33,134	Gardner Police Department	\$20,000
Barre Police Department	\$28,000	Georgetown Police Department	\$30,202
Belchertown Police Department	\$27,000	Gill Police Department	\$11,409
Bellingham Police Department	\$30,000	Gloucester Police Department	\$30,000
Belmont Police Department	\$29,780	Granby Police Department	\$20,818
Berkley Police Department	\$19,935	Granville Police Department	\$26,254
Berlin Police Department	\$25,000	Great Barrington Police Department	\$29,988
Beverly Police Department	\$23,795	Greenfield Police Department	\$22,686
Billerica Police Department	\$9,600	Groveland Police Department	\$20,241
Blackstone Police Department	\$11,600	Hadley Police Department	\$29,498
Bolton Police Department	\$23,782	Hampden Police Department	\$10,880
Boxborough Police Department	\$8,977	Hanover Police Department	\$24,358
Boylston Police Department	\$20,087	Hardwick Police Department	\$30,000
Braintree Police Department	\$15,000	Harvard Police Department	\$26,891
Bridgewater Police Department	\$25,992	Haverhill Police Department	\$26,094
Brockton Police Department	\$19,800	Holland Police Department	\$24,936
Brookline Police Department	\$19,993	Holliston Police Department	\$27,497
Carlisle Police Department	\$26,250	Holyoke Police Department	\$18,344
Charlton Police Department	\$20,000	Hopedale Police Department	\$16,264
Cheshire Police Department	\$9,431	Hull Police Department	\$20,000
Chester Police Department	\$13,235	Ipswich Police Department	\$20,000
Chicopee Police Department	\$18,238	Kingston Police Department	\$12,500
Chilmark Police Department	\$27,000	Lakeville Police Department	\$22,605
Clinton Police Department	\$19,995	Lancaster Police Department	\$22,804
Cohasset Police Department	\$20,087	Lawrence Police Department	\$18,995
Dedham Police Department	\$29,612	Leicester Police Department	\$20,000
Deerfield Police Department	\$15,713	Leominster Police Department	\$30,000
Dennis Police Department	\$32,949	Littleton Police Department	\$27,000
Dighton Police Department	\$15,613	Longmeadow Police Department	\$19,488
Dover Police Department	\$29,121		
Dudley Police Department	\$31,948		
East Bridgewater Police Department	\$30,000		

Local Law Enforcement Grant Recipient	Award Amount	Local Law Enforcement Grant Recipient	Award Amount
Lowell Police Department	\$19,600	Pittsfield Police Department	\$29,994
Ludlow Police Department	\$15,070	Plympton Police Department	\$24,275
Lynn Police Department	\$20,000	Princeton Police Department	\$25,273
Malden Police Department	\$27,980	Provincetown Police Department	\$30,000
Manchester-by-the-Sea Police Department	\$23,643	Randolph Police Department	\$30,000
Mansfield Police Department	\$26,391	Raynham Police Department	\$25,560
Mashpee Wampanoag Police Department	\$30,000	Revere Police Department	\$20,000
Mattapoisett Police Department	\$26,584	Rochester Police Department	\$21,900
Maynard Police Department	\$22,220	Rockland Police Department	\$30,000
Medford Police Department	\$20,000	Russell Police Department	\$30,000
Medway Police Department	\$18,000	Rutland Police Department	\$18,554
Merrimac Police Department	\$29,620	Salem Police Department	\$28,886
Methuen Police Department	\$19,231	Sandisfield Police Department	\$19,500
Millbury Police Department	\$30,749	Sandwich Police Department	\$15,000
Millville Police Department	\$12,738	Seekonk Police Department	\$18,250
Montgomery Police Department	\$17,620	Shirley Police Department	\$30,826
Nahant Police Department	\$10,000	Shrewsbury Police	\$28,260
Nantucket Police Department	\$30,000	Somerset Police Department	\$21,300
Natick Police Department	\$24,000	Somerville Police Department	\$22,570
Needham Police Department	\$26,796	South Hadley Police Department	\$20,674
New Bedford Police Department	\$30,000	Southampton Police Department	\$22,000
New Marlborough Police Department	\$2,899	Southborough Police Department	\$24,796
Newburyport Police Department	\$30,000	Southwick Police Department	\$29,932
Newton Police Department	\$25,000	Springfield Police Department	\$28,000
North Adams Police Department	\$24,320	Stoneham Police Department	\$7,888
North Brookfield Police Department	\$35,000	Stoughton Police Department	\$29,400
Northborough Police Department	\$10,950	Stow Police Department	\$21,898
Northbridge Police Department	\$16,360	Sturbridge Police Department	\$22,855
Norwell Police Department	\$6,000	Sudbury Police Department	\$20,000
Norwood Police Department	\$20,000	Sunderland Police Department	\$25,750
Oakham Police Department	\$24,384	Swansea Police Department	\$21,999
Otis Police Department	\$24,050	Taunton Police Department	\$6,971
Paxton Police Department	\$30,000	Templeton Police Department	\$16,000
Peabody Police Department	\$28,995	Tewksbury Police Department	\$20,767
Pembroke Police Department	\$28,440	Tolland Police Department	\$29,600
Pepperell Police Department	\$29,221	Topsfield Police Department	\$30,000
		Townsend Police Department	\$32,000
		Uxbridge Police Department	\$30,000
		Wakefield Police Department	\$10,540

Local Law Enforcement Grant Recipient	Award Amount	Local Law Enforcement Grant Recipient	Award Amount
Ware Police Department	\$19,650	Westborough Police Department	\$34,905
Washington Police Department	\$30,000	Westfield Police Department	\$27,391
Wayland Police Department	\$23,040	Westford Police Department	\$12,912
Wellesley Police Department	\$16,494	Weston Police Department	\$21,900
West Boylston Police Department	\$24,647	Westport Police Department	\$23,390
West Bridgewater Police Department	\$30,000	Wilbraham Police Department	\$21,403
West Brookfield Police Department	\$26,260	Winchendon Police Department	\$20,360
West Stockbridge Police Department	\$30,000	Worcester Police Department	\$15,498
		Yarmouth Police Department	\$23,050
		Total	\$3,941,482

State Agency Grant Recipients	Award Amount
Berkshire County Sheriff's Office	\$60,000
Berkshire District Attorney's Office	\$60,000
Bridgewater State University	\$42,392
Cape and Islands District Attorney's Office	\$60,000
Essex County Sheriff's Department	\$60,000
Greenfield Community College	\$54,681
Hampden County Sheriff's Office	\$59,875
Hampden District Attorney's Office	\$59,886
Hampshire County Sheriff's Office	\$53,200
Massachusetts College of Art and Design	\$60,000
Massachusetts Department of Correction	\$60,000
Massachusetts Environmental Police	\$56,732
Massachusetts State Police	\$60,000
Middle (Worcester County) District Attorney's Office	\$60,000
Norfolk County Sheriff's Office	\$53,100
Norfolk District Attorney's Office	\$60,000
North Shore Community College	\$59,226
Northwestern District Attorney's Office	\$60,000
Plymouth County District Attorney's Office	\$59,999
Plymouth County Sheriff's Office	\$56,715
Quinsigamond Community College	\$59,912
Roxbury Community College	\$60,000
Suffolk County District Attorney's Office	\$60,000
University of Massachusetts - Amherst	\$14,554
University of Massachusetts - Boston	\$55,000
University of Massachusetts - Dartmouth	\$38,832
University of Massachusetts - Lowell	\$60,000
Worcester County Sheriff's Office	\$55,011
Total	\$1,559,120

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Carlisle Community Choice Aggregation Semi-Annual Report

Q1 and Q2, 2025

Prepared by: Sarah Wasserman, Land Use and Sustainability Coordinator

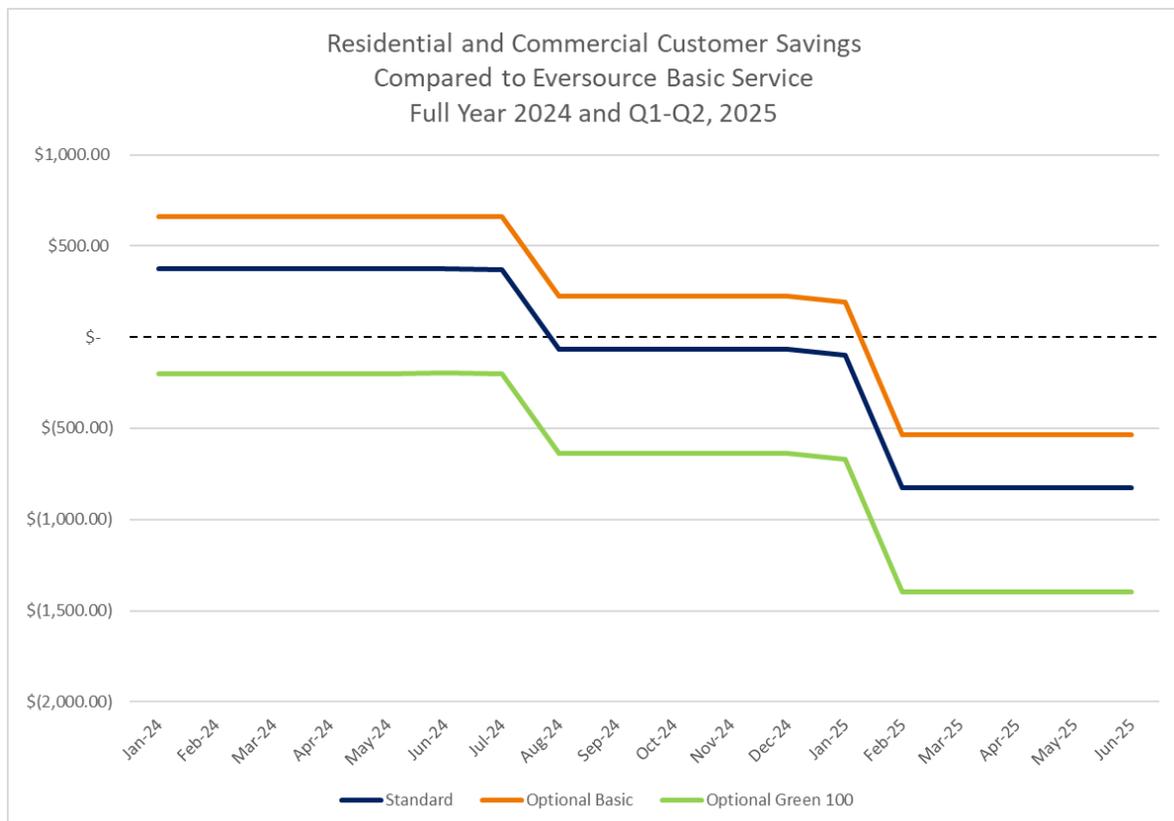
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Key Points:

- Fluctuating energy markets have led to low savings in the first half of the year, and a decrease in savings from 2024.
- The number of enrolled customers has not changed significantly since 2024.
- Carlisle’s current contract is ending January 2026, with a new one set to start immediately after.

Report:

In the first two quarters of 2025, participants in the CCA program, overall, did not see savings. Due in part to fluctuating energy markets, Eversource Basic Service prices have remained more competitive for the first six months of the year. The extent of the savings gap varies based on which rate a customer has selected. Those with the Optional Basic service were the only ones who saw savings, and only for one month – January 2025. This service was closest in price to the Eversource Basic Service rates, although it was still more expensive. Both the Standard rate and the Green 100 service rates followed a similar trend, although neither of these rates achieved savings for their customers for any of the months.

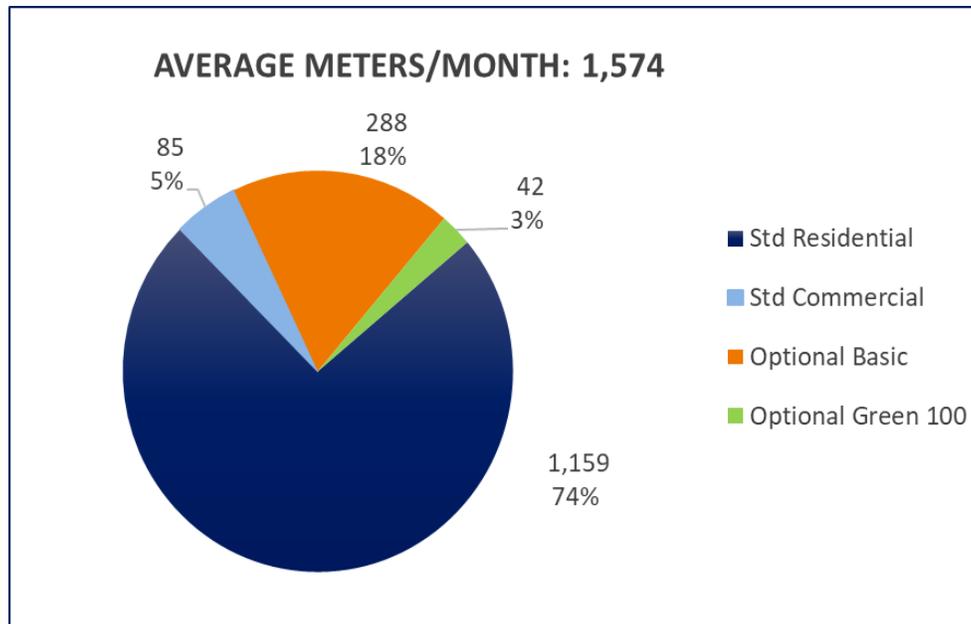


Zooming out to include all the data from 2024, the change in savings is clearly illustrated, with a pronounced change starting in January 2025. This does not reflect price changes in Carlisle's CCA, as those are locked in for the duration of the current contract. This instead reflects the volatility of the energy market. In 2024, the CCA Standard and Optional Basic rates were consistently less than the Eversource Basic Service rate. For the first two quarters of 2025, the Eversource Basic Service rate dropped below the CCA rates, thus resulting in a lack of savings. However, it is worth noting that the CCA's strength is its consistency. Just as future savings cannot be guaranteed, future losses are not inevitable.

Carlisle is set to begin a new contract in January 2026 that will last until November 2028.

In Q1-Q4 of 2024, the average meters per month fluctuated between a low of 1,509 and 1,631. Thus, the average meters/month figure for Q1 and Q2 of 2025 is firmly within that range and does not point to any significant changes in enrollment.

It will be worth watching enrollment numbers in the third and fourth quarters of 2025. Depending on whether customers begin to see savings again, or if the current trend continues, the CCA program may see more significant changes in enrollment.





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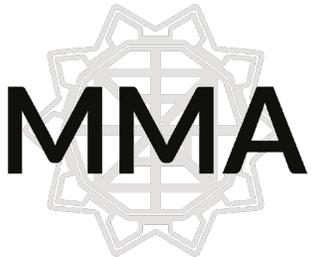
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Legislative Breakfasts

Fall 2025

Today's Agenda

- MMA PSAs
 - Fiscal Picture & Funding
 - Regulatory Updates
 - Ongoing Priorities & the Work Ahead
 - Comments & Questions
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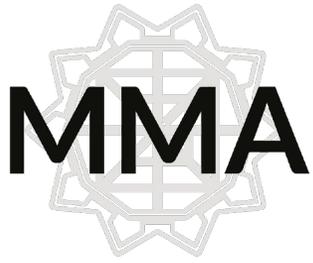
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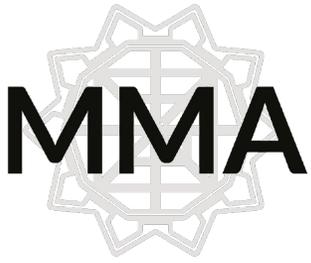
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Fall Legislative Breakfasts

Friday, September 26 – Lee

Friday, October 3 – Athol & Middleborough

Friday, October 17 – Chelmsford



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Look out for MMA's Legislative Alerts!



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MMA Legislative Breakfast Meetings Oct 4, 11, 18

Please register today to meet
with other local officials, legislators, and MMA staff

September 23, 2024

Dear Daniel Yi,

[Registration](#) is now open for the MMA's Fall series of Legislative Breakfast Meetings, which will be held on October 4, October 11, and October 18.



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MMA Legislative Breakfast Meetings Oct 4, 11, 18

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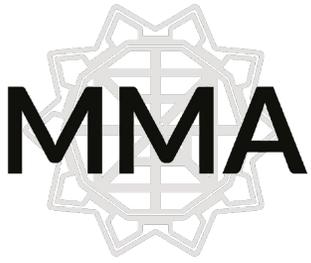
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[Registration](#) is now open for the MMA's Fall series of Legislative Breakfast Meetings, which will be held on October 4, October 11, and October 18.

Each year, the MMA hosts a series of meetings in communities across the Commonwealth to give local leaders, legislators, and MMA staff the opportunity to network in an informal setting and learn about and discuss issues of importance at the local and state level.

MMA Legislative staff will discuss the latest activity in the current legislative session, which has wide-ranging implications for cities and towns. Topics will include the fiscal 2025 state budget, a new housing law, a wage equity law, clean energy siting and permitting, the proposed Municipal Empowerment Act, an economic development bill, transportation funding, regulatory updates, and more. City and town officials from every community are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to discuss issues of importance with MMA staff and legislators.

A light breakfast and coffee will be provided followed by presentations and Q&A. Meetings will be held at the following locations:



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MMA Weekly Review

Happy Friday!

In local happenings: USA Today's 10 Best Readers' Choice Awards just released its best of fall rankings, and two Mass. towns are in the top 10!

- Davis Mega Maze, in Sterling, was ranked [8th in a list of the best corn mazes](#) in the country
- Red Apple Farm, in Phillipston, won [9th place for best apple orchards](#).

Here's a digest of all the latest updates we've posted this week on [MMA.org](#). Do your colleagues get this newsletter? Forward this edition to them so they can [subscribe](#)!

[Healey's closeout budget bill includes disaster funds, clean energy changes](#)

Looking to close the books on fiscal 2024, Gov. Maura Healey filed a \$714 million supplemental budget bill that includes several provisions of note to municipalities. ...



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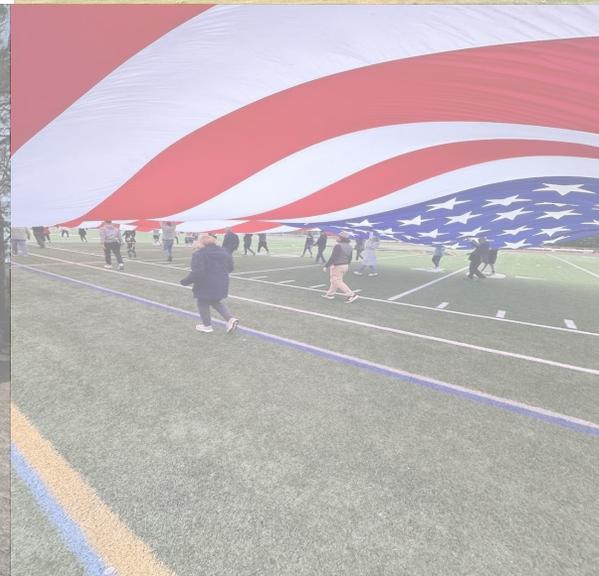
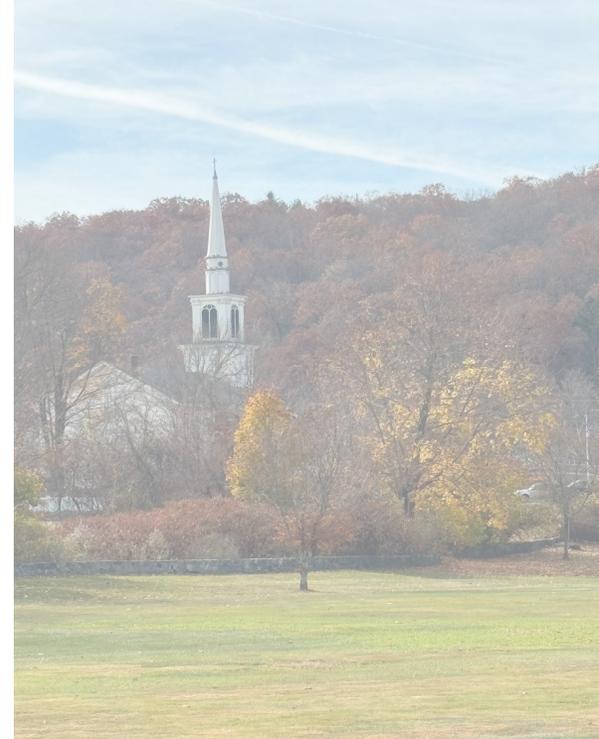
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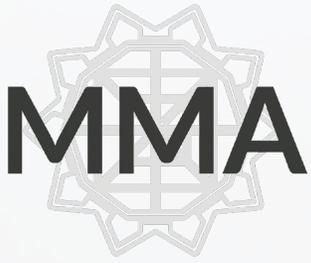


Commonwealth snapshots!

Do you have photos that exemplify your community or your local government at work?

Please email them to photos@mma.org for possible use in our Weekly Review, The Beacon or mma.org.

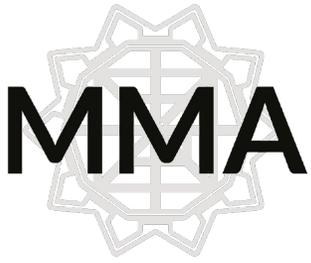




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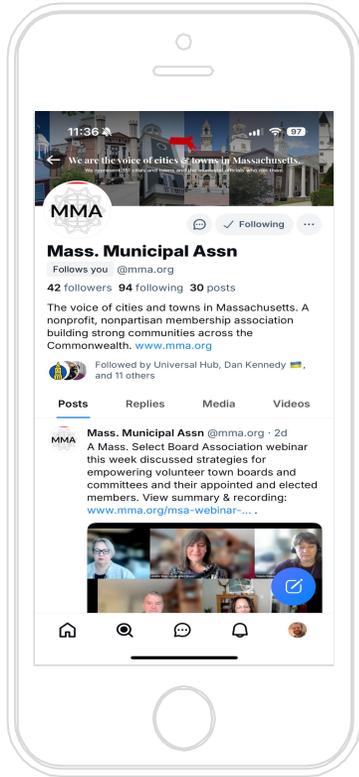
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- Registration is open!
- **Jan. 22 - 24, 2026** at the now-renamed **Menino Convention & Exhibition Center in Boston's Seaport District.**
- The largest conference for municipal officials in the state features Workshops, Speakers, Trade Show, & more!
- Please visit: connect351.org

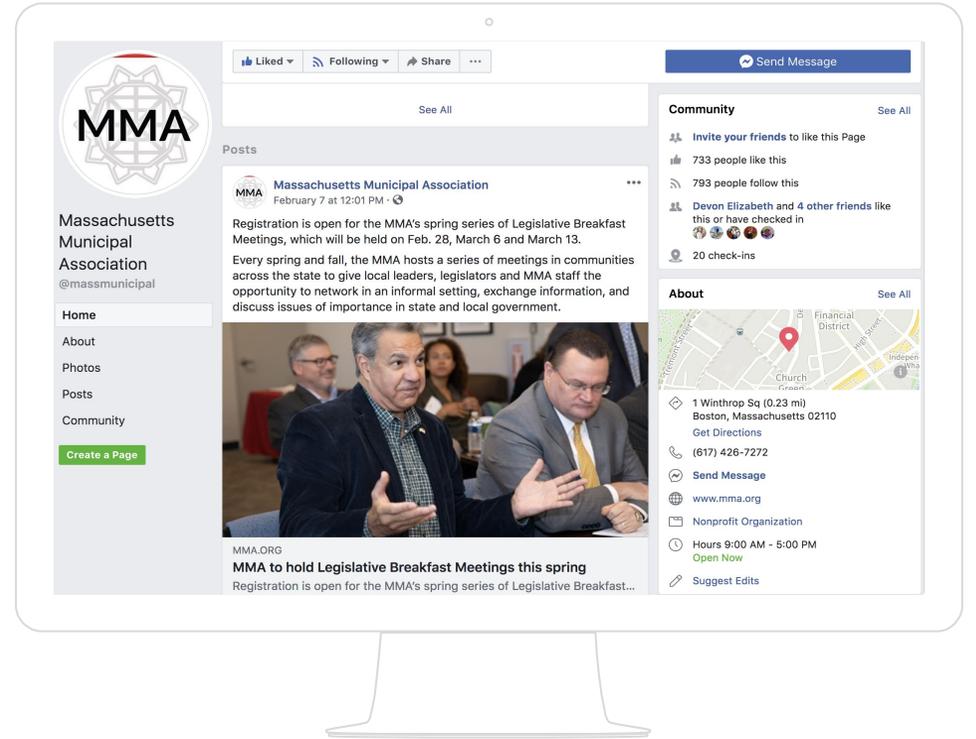


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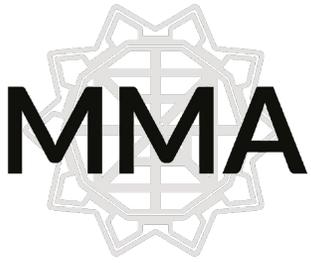


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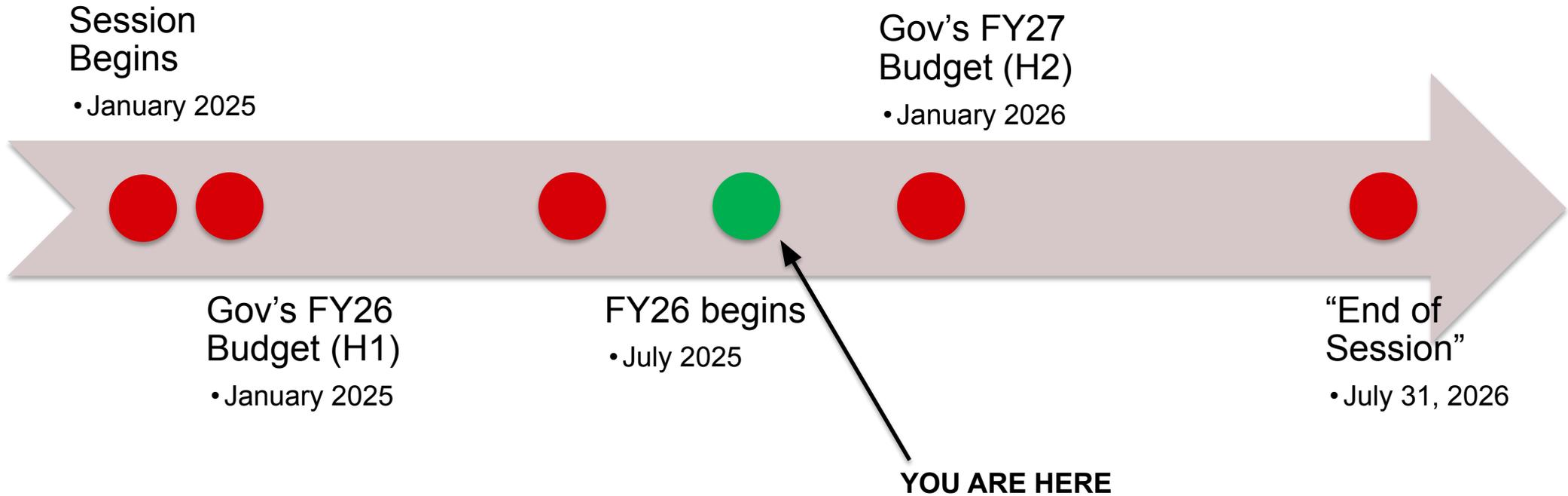
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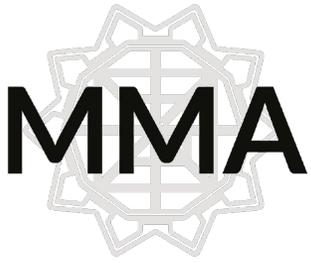
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194th General Court – WHEN are we?





State Revenue

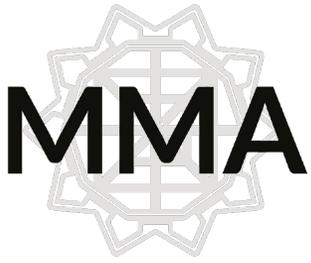


Closing FY2025

- approx. \$43.708 billion in revenues
- \$2.908 billion or 7.1% more than actual collections in FY2024
- \$2.101 billion or 5.1% above the annual benchmark
 - Increase due to surtax, capital gains, sales and use, and estate tax

Q1 Collections for FY2026

- \$309 million or 3.2% more than actual collections in the same period of FY2025
- \$64 million or 0.6% below the year-to-date benchmark
- Oct. 15 decision to NOT downgrade revenue projections

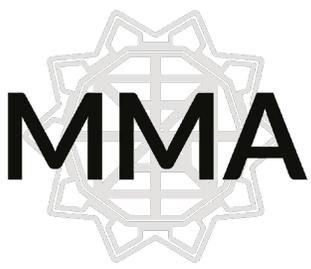


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FY26 Budget

\$60.9 billion budget signed on July 4th

- **UGGA:** \$14 million increase (1.1% over FY25)
- **Minimum-per-pupil education aid:** \$150 per student
- **Regional school transportation:** \$53.7 million + \$8 million (supp) = \$61.7 million
- **Regional/OOD vocational transportation:** \$50 million
- **Rural School aid:** \$12 million
- **Special Education Circuit Breaker:** \$485 million + \$190 million (supp) = \$675 million
- **Charter School Reimbursement:** \$179.1 million (pending \$19.9m veto)
- **PILOT:** \$54.5 million



What'Supp?



Surplus Surtax

- \$1.3 billion, allocating surplus fair share surtax revenue
 - Road and bridge + MassDOT + MBTA supports
 - \$593 million for education investments intended to supplement FY26 budget



FY25 Tax Title, Deficiency

- \$259 million Social Service Supports
- Clarifications on tax title foreclosure process



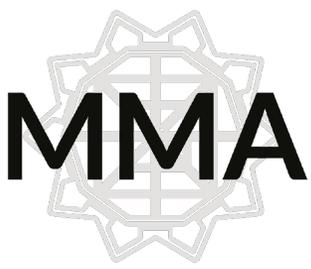
FY25 Closeout Supp – *Passed by House, Senate next week*

- ~\$2.45 billion supplemental closing books on FY25



FY26 — 9C Authority Expansion *Filed*

- Federal policy response initiatives
- Proposal to expand the governor's budget-cutting authority

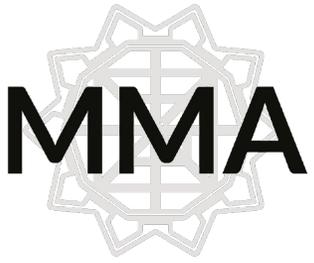


Transportation Bond Bill & Ch. 90



\$1.2B bond bill signed in August

- **\$300m for Chapter 90 program:**
 - \$200m via previous distribution
 - \$100m via only road miles
 - **\$200m for culvert and small bridges**
 - **\$500m for MassDOT bridge/pavement asset management**
 - **\$185m for congestion and safety initiatives**
- Funding supplemented by **\$103.5 million in supp budget**
- Companion bond terms bill pending



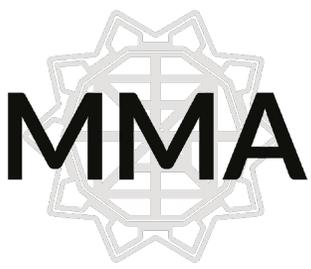
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Municipal Empowerment Act



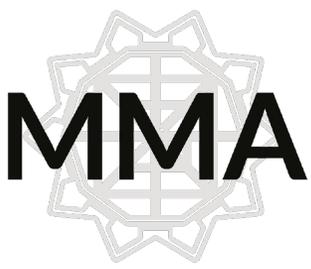
Top Provisions:

- Permanent Codification of Remote Public Meeting Options
- Procurement and borrowing updates
 - Snow hauling added
- Enforcement mechanism for removal of double poles
- Eases ability to allow for in-house school bus services
- OPEB reform commission
- Local option revenue



Social Consumption - Cannabis

- CCC held a public comment period on draft regulations governing on-site social consumption licensing
- Three on-site adult-use consumption license types:
 - Supplemental
 - Hospitality
 - Event Organizer
- Also provisions outlining smoking consumption area requirements, and “cooling down area” requirements
- Munis would opt-in and create new HCA with any supplemental licensee
- Concerns that Event Organizer licensees will only need HCA in PPB



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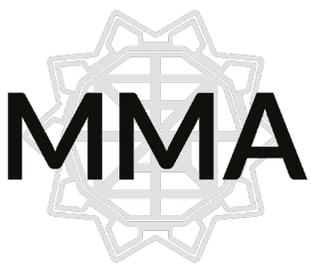
Environmental Bond Bill

Some Highlights:

- \$2.9 billion bond bill with many helpful authorizations for cities and towns:
 - \$315 million for the MVP Program
 - \$385 million for the Clean Water Trust

Outside Sections:

- Resilience Revolving Fund
- Proposed state's 'Right of First Refusal' for Chapter Land
- Streamlined environmental permitting for certain projects
- ... and more? Stay tuned!

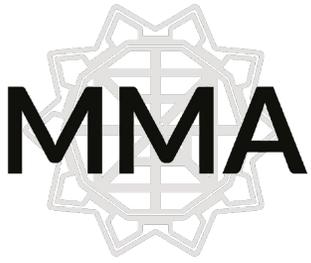


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Clean Energy Siting and Permitting

Work to implement the 2024 Climate Act is underway!

- The Department of Energy Resources introduced [draft regulations](#) impacting local clean energy infrastructure permitting review for solar, batteries, and other projects
 - Guidance documents will have implications for local bylaws and practices, longer comment deadlines
- Comments are due 5pm on Oct. 17, 2025
- Local governments will need to accept applications for projects under the new process no later than Dec. 1, 2026



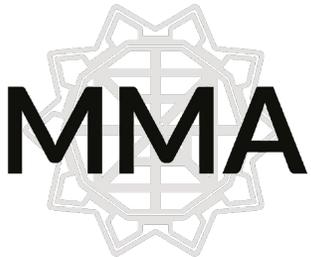
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The Work Ahead



Key Advocacy Areas in the coming months:

- **Fiscal Outlook & Pushing Back on Expanded 9C Authority**
- **Federal Impact**
- **Other Top Issues in Healthcare, Workforce, among others**
- **Municipal Empowerment Act!**



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A Perfect Storm: Cities and Towns Face Historic Fiscal Pressures

An Analysis of Fiscal Pressures on Massachusetts Municipalities

OCTOBER 2025



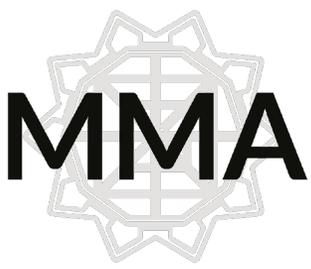


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View from the State House & City/Town Halls

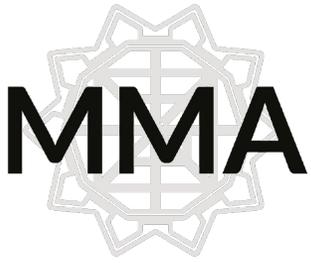
Comments from Legislators, Local Officials, and General Discussion





Additional Resources & Links

- [FY26 State Budget](#)
- [Surplus Surtax Supplemental Budget](#)
- [FY25 Supplemental Budget](#)
- [FY25 Closeout Supplemental Budget](#)
- [FY26 Supplemental Budget](#)
- [Transportation Bond Bill - Chapter 90](#)
- [Environmental Bond Bill Information](#)
- [MMA's Testimony on Environmental Bond Bill](#)
- [CCC Social Consumption Regs](#)
- [Municipal Empowerment Act](#)
- [Energy Siting Board Draft Regulations](#)
- [DOER's Local Clean Energy Siting & Permitting Draft Regulations](#)
- [Letter to DOER on Local Permitting draft regulations](#)
- [EFSB's State Clean Energy Siting & Permitting Draft Regulations](#)
- [EPA to Weaken Federal PFAS Regulations](#)



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C · A · R · L · I · S · L · E
*Council on Aging
and Human Services*



66 Westford St.
Carlisle, MA 01741

To: Select Board

From: Geoffrey Kotowski, Director, Council on Aging & Human Services

CC: Ryan McLane, Town Administrator; Kelly Beyer, Town Accountant

Date: November 4, 2025

Subject: Acceptance of \$1,000 Donation and Establishment of COAHS Community Crisis Gift Account

Overview

The Council on Aging & Human Services (COAHS) has received a \$1,000 charitable donation from a Carlisle resident wishing to support residents of all ages who are experiencing financial hardship or crisis. The donor has requested that the funds be used for direct assistance, rather than programming or age-restricted activities. The donor has requested anonymity.

Gift Account Request

To ensure transparency and proper accounting, COAHS respectfully requests the establishment of a new gift account titled: "COAHS Community Crisis Gift Account." Funds deposited into this account will be used exclusively to provide direct, short-term emergency assistance to Carlisle residents of any age in need. Typical uses may include grocery gift cards, fuel or utility assistance, emergency transportation, or other essential supports as determined appropriate by COAHS staff. All expenditures will follow established Town financial procedures, with disbursements authorized by the COAHS Director and processed through the Town Accountant's office.

Action Requested

That the Select Board vote to accept, with gratitude, the \$1,000 donation and approve the establishment of the COAHS Community Crisis Gift Account for the purpose of providing direct emergency assistance to Carlisle residents of any age facing financial hardship or crisis.

Respectfully submitted,

Geoffrey Kotowski
Director, Council on Aging & Human Services

Gretchen Gallimore

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Wednesday, October 29, 2025 5:56 PM
To: Gretchen Gallimore; Aubrey Thomas
Subject: Online Form Submittal: Reserve Town Property for Private Signs

Reserve Town Property for Private Signs

Use this form to request approval to place a private sign in the Rotary, Town Common, or other Town-owned land. Town Common requests must also be approved by the First Religious Society. Other Town-owned land may require permission of an associated public body.

The Select Board/Town Administrator will typically approve a display period not longer than one week, with a possible renewal for a second week. Only two private signs at a time, no larger than 2 feet by 3 feet, may be displayed in the Rotary. In order to place a private sign in the right of way in front of a residence or business, one must obtain the permission of the property owner.

Name	Catherine Mastromarino
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Email Address	cathywm@gmail.com
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Address	212 E Riding Dr
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City	Carlisle
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State	MA
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Zip Code	01741
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Phone Number	617-538-0584
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I'd like to place a sign on the...	Rotary
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If "other", on what Town land would you like to place your sign?	<i>Field not completed.</i>
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Date(s) of Reservation	5/2/2026 8:00 AM - 5/9/2026 8:00 PM
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All Day	Yes
Size and Type of Sign	Sandwich Board (24" x 18")
Organization and Purpose	CCHS Theatre Spring Musical
Text of Sign	TBD, but will advertise the CCHS Spring Musical, including show name, dates, and website
Attach File	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Terms of Use	Yes

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Gretchen Gallimore

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Friday, November 7, 2025 7:35 AM
To: Gretchen Gallimore; Aubrey Thomas
Subject: Online Form Submittal: Reserve Town Property for Private Signs

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Name	Jennifer Saak
Email Address	jsaak.gleason@gmail.com
Address	55 Wilkins Ln.
City	Carlisle
State	MA
Zip Code	01741
Phone Number	2152376612
I'd like to place a sign on the...	Rotary, Town Common, Other
If "other", on what Town land would you like to place your sign?	Town Center Rotary (Bedford Rd / Concord St / Lowell St / Westford St / School St) 2. Bedford Rd (MA-225) & East St 3. Bedford Rd (MA-225) & Church St 4. Bedford Rd (MA-225) & Maple St 5. Concord St & Church St 6. School St & Church St 7. Concord St & Indian Hill Rd 8. North Rd & Rutland St 9. Maple St & East St 10. Maple St & Brook St

Date(s) of Reservation	11/15/2025 7:00 AM - 11/22/2025 5:00 PM
All Day	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Size and Type of Sign	Yard sign 24"x18" (standard)
Organization and Purpose	Carlisle Gleason Public Library, Books and Brews community fundraising event on 11/22/25 6:30-9:30 pm.
Text of Sign	Books and Brews, fundraising event to support the Gleason Public Library capital campaign, scan for tickets and more information, QR code
Attach File	IMG_9745.jpeg
Terms of Use	Yes

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From: noreply@civicplus.com
To: [Gretchen Gallimore](#); [Aubrey Thomas](#)
Subject: Online Form Submittal: Reserve Town Property for Private Signs
Date: Monday, October 27, 2025 1:40:15 PM

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Name	Carlisle Congregational Church
Email Address	office@carlislecongregational.org
Address	PO Box 191
City	Carlisle
State	Massachusetts
Zip Code	01741
Phone Number	9783697830
I'd like to place a sign on the...	Rotary
If "other", on what Town land would you like to place your sign?	Carlisle
Date(s) of Reservation	12/10/2025 8:00 AM - 12/24/2025 8:00 PM
All Day	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Size and Type of Sign	WindMaster Curb Sign 28"x44"

Organization and Purpose	Carlisle Congregational Church to advertise Christmas Eve service
Text of Sign	Candlelight / Service / at Carlisle / Congregational Church / Christmas Eve / 4:30 PM / 147 School Street / Carlisle, MA
Attach File	Christmas Poster 2025 (28 x 40 in).pdf
Terms of Use	Yes

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