

FY 2019 Budget Questions & Answers Finance Committee

| Dept. Number, Name + Account | Questioner's Name/Question | Response |
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| 421, Misc | Hari: Do we only pay during winter months for snow removal employees? What do they do other parts of the year? | 8 of the Highway employees are budgeted for 22 weeks in the Hwy Budget. The rest of the year they are assigned to Grounds/Cem duties and are compensated by those departments. |
| 421, Expenses, Misc | Hari: How do we determine to carry-out a repair by department personnel or contract it out? | This decision depends on available staffing, degree of complexity, time sensitive, and specialties of the type of repair. |
| 423, Personal, Overtime | Hari: If our actuals were \$320K, why did we forecast only \$76K. Is 2017 a year of exception? | The S&I OT is \$76,000. The S&I budget has remained the same for many years. This budget has always been underfunded to not tie up money if we have a lean winter. Dan: According to Mass General Laws, if we were to lower the budget, we would then not be able to deficit spend this account. This could create a public safety issue if we were unable to clear the roads. Attached is a chart showing the S&I budget for the past several years. |
| 421/423, expenses, equipment maintenance | Hari: This item has been moved from dept 423 to Dept 421. The amount in 432 is \$32K. I expected a similar amount in dept 421, but I see it is forecasted to \$55K. Can you explain? | DOR recommends that S&I equipment maintenance and plow blades be moved from the S&I budget into the Highway operating budget. Please see the attached breakdown for the expenditures in the last 5 years. We added \$5,000 because of the age of this equipment. |
| 421 – 427 Highway Dept | Shankar: Are you reconciling your budget request with manager's recommendation? If so, how? | Our budget is reconciled with the TMR budget and we will continue to provide services with the resources available. |
| 427, Expenses, System upgrade service | Bao: Please explain the sustained higher cost (\$8K) on system upgrade services. | This \$8,000 was encumbered for system upgrades on Plain Road that were discovered when they started excavating. |

HIGHWAY SNOW & ICE FY '13

TOTAL SPENT

01423200 SNOW & ICE

524030 Equipment Maintenance
548050 Plow Blades

\$ 50,478.60
\$
TOTAL \$ 50,478.60

HIGHWAY SNOW & ICE FY '14

TOTAL SPENT

01423200 SNOW & ICE

524030 Equipment Maintenance
548050 Plow Blades

\$ 39,099.89
\$ 4,023.00
TOTAL \$ 43,122.89

HIGHWAY SNOW & ICE FY '15

TOTAL SPENT

01423200 SNOW & ICE

524030 Equipment Maintenance
548050 Plow Blades

\$ 43,786.44
\$ 26,759.60
TOTAL \$ 70,546.04

HIGHWAY SNOW & ICE FY '16

TOTAL SPENT

01423200 SNOW & ICE

524030 Equipment Maintenance
548050 Plow Blades

\$ 14,648.20
\$ 9,975.14
TOTAL \$ 24,623.34

HIGHWAY SNOW & ICE FY '17

TOTAL SPENT

01423200 SNOW & ICE

524030 Equipment Maintenance
548050 Plow Blades

\$ 29,431.75
\$ 4,269.40
TOTAL \$ 33,701.15

TOTAL 5 YEAR AVERAGE: \$ 44,494.40

Snow & Ice Expense

