



Town of Montague
Department, Board, Committee, Commission
BUDGET NARRATIVE

FY 20

Complete this form electronically! Be clear and concise!

Department: 946 Insurance Submitted by: Steven Ellis

1. Please describe and provide the rationale for any substantial changes in your FY20 line item budget submission.

The total budget for Town insurance is proposed to increase 2.5%. This reflects an assumed increase by MIIA, with the largest category, property exposure, increasing 2% and others increasing less substantially. In the event there is an unexpected and substantial overage, the Town could apply its rewards discount to this line item to level the impact out. This discount could otherwise be used to underwrite an expense that is likely to reduce risk of insurance loss in the coming year, so that is a strategic decision to make at that time.

2. Did you receive funding for any special articles in FY19? What is the status of those expenditures/investments?

N/A

3. Did you receive funding for a discretionary account in FY19? What have you purchased to date, at what cost? Looking forward in FY19, what do you expect to purchase at what cost?

N/A

4. To-date in FY19, has your department experienced any notable successes, such as improving or providing new programs or services, or implementing new technologies? If so, please describe.

We again increased our total MIIA Rewards dividend in FY18, leading to savings of \$6,871, up from \$1800 the previous year. This credit was used to reduce our overall insurance bill for FY19. We hope to repeat that success in the coming year. Our new Safety Committee, begun in FY18, also collaborated on a MIIA grant that will provide another \$8,864 in safety and other equipment for the DPW and Parks and Recreation in FY19.

5. Are there challenges to your department's ability to meet its goals and objectives that are due to its FY19 operating budget? If so, offer your recommendation(s) for improving the situation.

N/A