



## **FY23 BUDGET INCREASE RATIONALE FORM**

Department:        **Town Clerk's Office**

Requested Increase Amount:

Election Wages \$5,750 to \$30,000  
Registrar Wages \$12,100 to \$14,000  
Purchased Services +\$4,800.  
Misc. +\$1,975.

Rationale:

Budget coincides with the election cycle – more elections budget increases, same going the other way.

This year the state has extended early voting in person to 14 days including 2 weekends and 7 days for the Primary including 1 weekend (The Primary did not have early voting prior). There was also a minimum wage increase which affects each worker in Elections and Registrars across the board. More early voting ballots requires more computer input, more filing, more storage etc.

Impact on Services:

Required to have workers to run the in person early voting. Need 2 to check-in – 1 person has been a floater/cleaner and 1 person watches the box. Same as if you went to the polls on election day.

A State election requires more workers at the polls to have the election run efficiently and smooth