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Select Board/Town Mgr.
Town of Longmeadow



December 24, 2020

Chair of Select Board Marie Angelides
Town Clerk's Office
20 Williams Street
Longmeadow, MA 01106

Re: Community Assessment of Longmeadow

Dear Chair of Select Board Angelides,

Assessments for Fiscal Years 2020 and 2021 have been completed. These assessments are based on the audited figures for Fiscal Years 2019 and 2020, respectively. Fiscal Year 2019 total assessment was \$8,947,886. Your community's share of this assessment was \$51,570.

As you are aware, the Authority can increase the local assessment by 2.5% per year under Proposition 2 ½ plus the cost of new service when applicable. For FY 2020 the Authority will increase local assessments under Proposition 2 ½ to \$9,171,583. Your community's share of this assessment will be \$47,999. The difference to the prior year's assessment of -\$3,571 is due to the decrease in fixed route mileage for FY20 from .32% in FY19 to .25% in FY20 as well as a decrease in paratransit trips.

Although ridership was greatly impacted by the Corona Virus Pandemic, the assessments are based on the share of total ridership and total mileage of the Authority as a whole. The foundational basis for the assessment remains the same similarly to a change of tax base scattered around a community. The loss of ridership does not change the overall foundational assessment rate as communities pay based on their share of ridership and mileage.

Please contact me if you should have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sandra E. Sheehan', is written over a faint, larger version of the signature.

Sandra E. Sheehan
Administrator

Cc: Mark Gold, Advisory Board Designee
cc: Town Treasurer