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Enterprise Budgets
FY2014**

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This award is valid for a period of one year only. We believe our current budget continues to conform to program requirements, and we are submitting it to GFOA to determine its eligibility for another award.



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The Town Manager's Introduction to the Budget Document

To the Residents of Concord,

Thank you for taking the time to explore this document. More than just a list of account codes and dollar figures, Town Staff have worked hard to provide and organize descriptions, narratives, tables, and charts that we hope bring the budget to life and help communicate it to you, the primary stakeholders in Concord's Town Government.

Towards that end, the format and content of this budget document continue to undergo modification and improvement. Many of the changes that we make are guided by the best practices and feedback received as a participant in the Government Finance Officers Association's (GFOA's) *Distinguished Budget Presentation Program*. This awards program incorporates twenty-seven criteria and covers four general categories:

1. The budget as a policy document;
2. The budget as a financial plan;
3. The budget as an operations guide; and
4. The budget as a communication device.

As a result of the ongoing improvements, last year's budget book received the GFOA's Distinguished Budget Presentation Award (see facing page) for the 7th consecutive year. The tireless efforts of the Finance Department, along with the collaborative participation of all Department Heads and their administrative staffs, have been particularly noteworthy in this achievement.

Special thanks are due to Finance Director Anthony Logalbo, Budget and Purchasing Administrator Jon Harris, Budget Analyst Chris Nunes, and Deputy Town Manager Douglas Meagher, all of whom were instrumental in not only bringing this budget document to completion, but also in fashioning it into something that continues to earn the respect of our peers. It's largely because of the collective efforts of all of the above that I think that you will find your time with this document well spent.

Thanks again for your interest.

Sincerely,

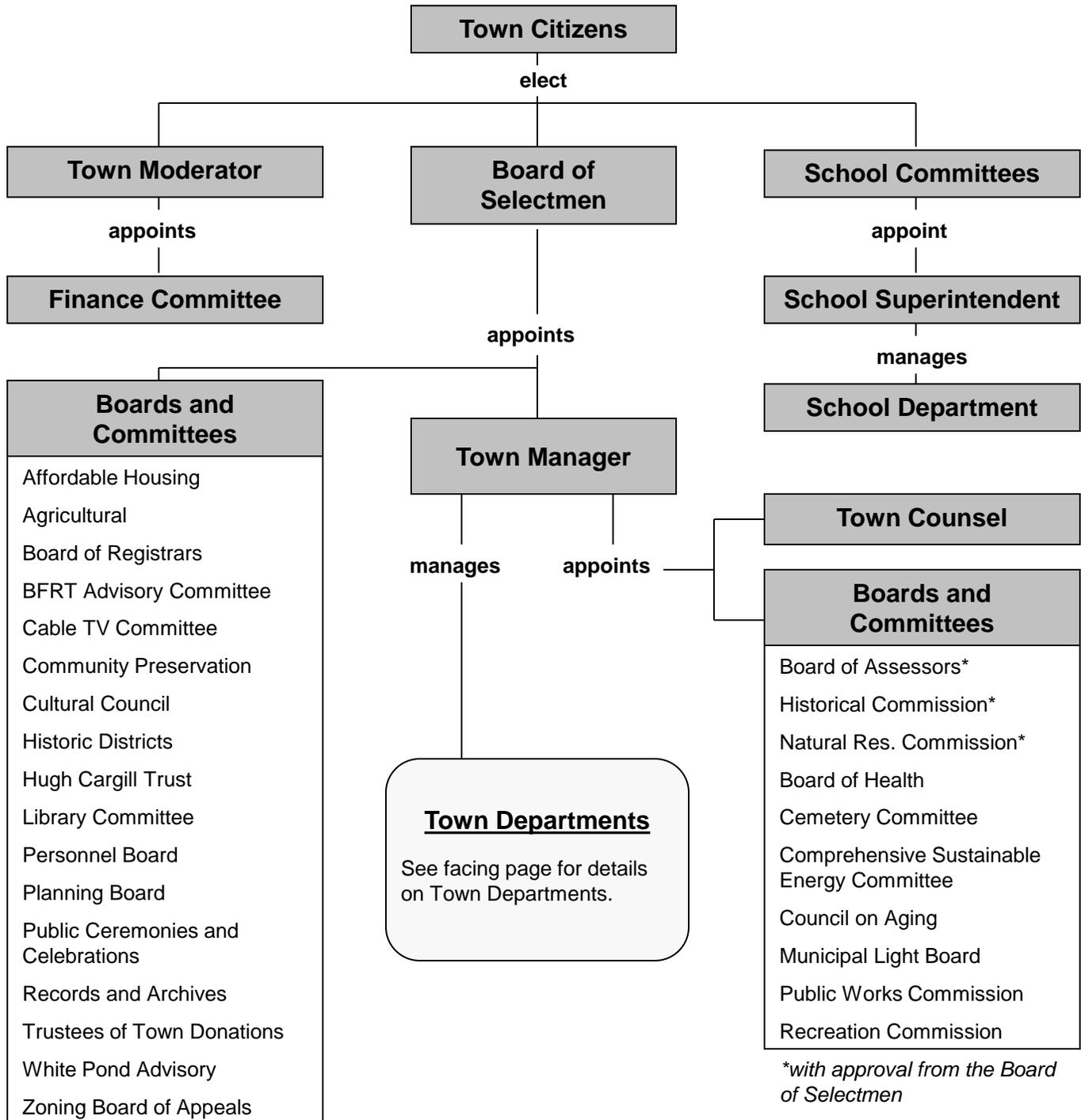
Christopher Whelan
Town Manager

Town Government Mission Statement:

The mission of Concord's Town Government is to enhance the quality of life of Concord residents by providing efficient, effective, and innovative services, protecting the Town's character, and being a responsible steward of Town resources.

The chart below outlines how Concord citizens, either through elections or by sitting on boards and committees, can influence and participate in the operations of their government.

On the facing page, a chart shows how Town Government is structured under the Town Manager.

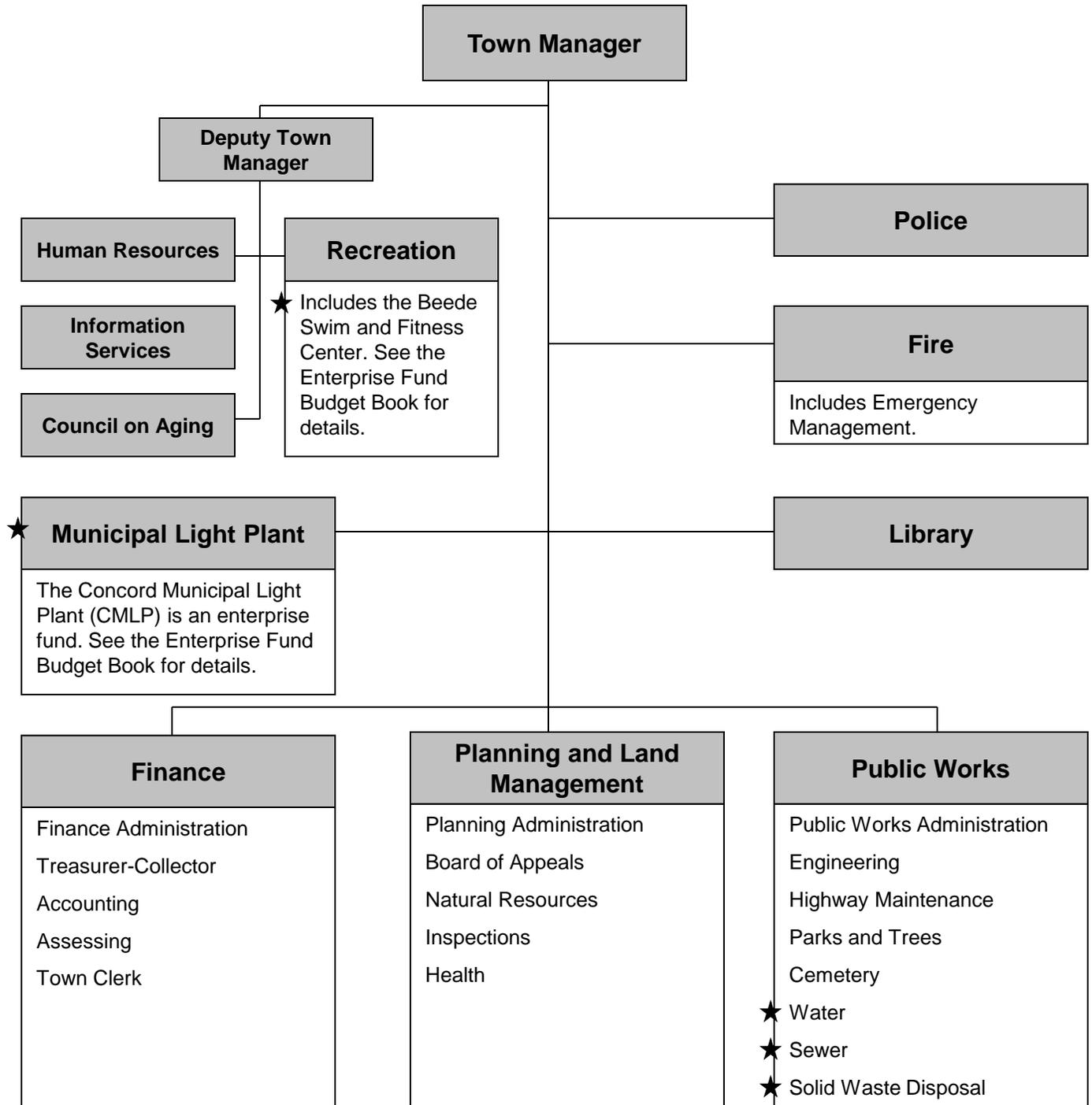


The Town Manager oversees Town Departments, including the following 5 business-type activities:

- The Concord Municipal Light Plant;
- The Water Division;
- The Sewer Division;
- The Beede Swim and Fitness Center; and
- The Solid Waste Disposal Division.

In this budget book, the above 5 business-type activities are presented (marked by ★ in the chart below). The Light Fund, Water Fund, Sewer Fund, and Swim and Fitness Fund are all Enterprise Funds, while the Solid Waste Fund is a Special Revenue Fund (see page II-1, “A Note on the Solid Waste Fund”).

See page II-3 for an organizational chart that focuses solely on the Town’s business-type activities.



Budget Book Guide

Section I – Letter of Transmittal

The Letter of Transmittal is an introduction to the budget book by the Town Manager. Included in the letter is summary information about each of the four enterprise funds (Light, Water, Sewer, and Swim and Fitness) and the one special revenue fund (Solid Waste Disposal). The letter highlights some of the major changes budgeted for in the coming year.

Section II – Budget Summary

The Budget Summary contains charts, schedules, and narratives that describe the FY13 Enterprise Budgets. The level of detail presented in this summary section allows the reader to grasp the big picture relating to the enterprise operations' recent past, present, and near future.

Section III – Light Fund

The Light Fund presentation provides the charts and narratives necessary to understand the operations and plans of the Concord Municipal Light Plant.

Section IV – Water Fund

The Water Fund presentation provides the charts and narratives necessary to understand the operations and plans of Concord's Municipal Water Services Division.

Section V – Sewer Fund

The Sewer Fund presentation provides the charts and narratives necessary to understand the operations and plans of Concord's Municipal Sewer Services Division.

Section VI – Swim and Fitness Fund

The Swim and Fitness Fund presentation provides the charts and narratives necessary to understand the operations and plans of Concord's Beede Swim and Fitness Center.

Section VII – Solid Waste Fund

The Solid Waste Fund presentation provides the charts and narratives necessary to understand the operations and plans of Concord's Solid Waste Disposal Division.

Section VIII – Appendix

The Appendix contains information describing the budgeting process (including a calendar of events), as well as relevant excerpts from the most recent Audited Financial Statements and a glossary of terms used throughout the book.

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