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[CE SBAC] Fwd: Town financing for school (and other) infrastructure investment needs

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The Cape community continues to stand at a crossroad, specifically as we're faced with charting a path forward to meet our school-related infrastructure needs through the SBAC, but also other agin town infrastructure in need of investment.

From comments at the recent SBAC forum, on social media, and around town, it's clear there's a large gap between "what it will cost to responsibly address Cape infrastructure" and "what amount of tax increase Cape voters will pass in November."

An appropriate question to ask is "how can Cape make up that difference?" That is generally a Town Council issue, as they handle revenue.

We also have a unique Council + School Board + Community group in the SBAC that is charged with "Explor[ing] funding options and alternative funding sources" per its [Scope of Work](#).

I believe these groups must, as part of their duty, explore ideas on how Cape Elizabeth can make use of its town resources to raise revenue outside of increased property taxes.

Thank you,
Brandon Sweet

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