

MSMCP Virtual Lunch Series

Advocating for your Commission's Budget

Wednesday, September 24, 2025

11 AM - 12:30 PM

Join Zoom Meeting:

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MSMCP will host this virtual discussion that focuses on how you can best advocate for your Commission's financial and staffing needs through the budget process. Board members Michele Grzenda (Lincoln) and Kathy Sferra (Stow) will discuss preparation of a budget memo, advocating for additional staff & salary increases, review sources of funds to cover needed office and land management expenses, and pointers on how to build community support. Examples and templates will be discussed and shared. We've timed this workshop to coincide with the beginning of budget season. Come with your questions!

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Thank you for signing up and/or attending MSMCP's Zoom Event: Advocating for your Commission's Budget. As promised, we are sharing the outline we used during the presentation along with embedded links to certain documents and presentations we shared.

If you have a budget planning document you think would be helpful to the group, feel free to upload your resources to share [HERE](#).