TOWN OF SOMERS
ANNUAL BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

April 19, 2022

Proposed FY 2022-2023 Annual Budget
Public Hearing

The Board of Finance thanks you for attending this evening's annual budget public hearing. We recognize that good, responsive, government depends on your interest and involvement. This evening's program will include the following presenters:

AGENDA

Welcome	Board of Finance	Joseph Tolisano
Board of Education	Superintendent of Schools	Brian P. Czapla
Board of Selectman	First Selectman	Timothy Keeney
Revenue & Overall Budget	Chief Financial Officer	Michael Marinaccio
Public Comments	Chairman, Board of Finance	Michael Parker
Wrap Up	Assistant Finance Director	Brian Wissinger

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BOARD OF EDUCATION BUDGET

Brian P. Czapla, Superintendent

SOMERS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Somers Public Schools

Strategic Plan of Action

2019-2024

Moving Somers Forward

Full Report

Vision

The Somers Public Schools strives to be an exceptional and innovative educational community.

Mission

The mission of the Somers Public Schools is to prepare each student to contribute and succeed in an ever-changing global society.

Goals

Goal 1: Student Achievement

Goal 2: Professional Learning

Goal 3: Accountability

Budget Priorities

- Meet our contractual obligations
- Increase student achievement and educational opportunities by providing the necessary educational resources for students and staff
- React to instructional and mental health needs brought on by COVID-19

FY 2022-23 BOE Budget

Budget: $26,270,772

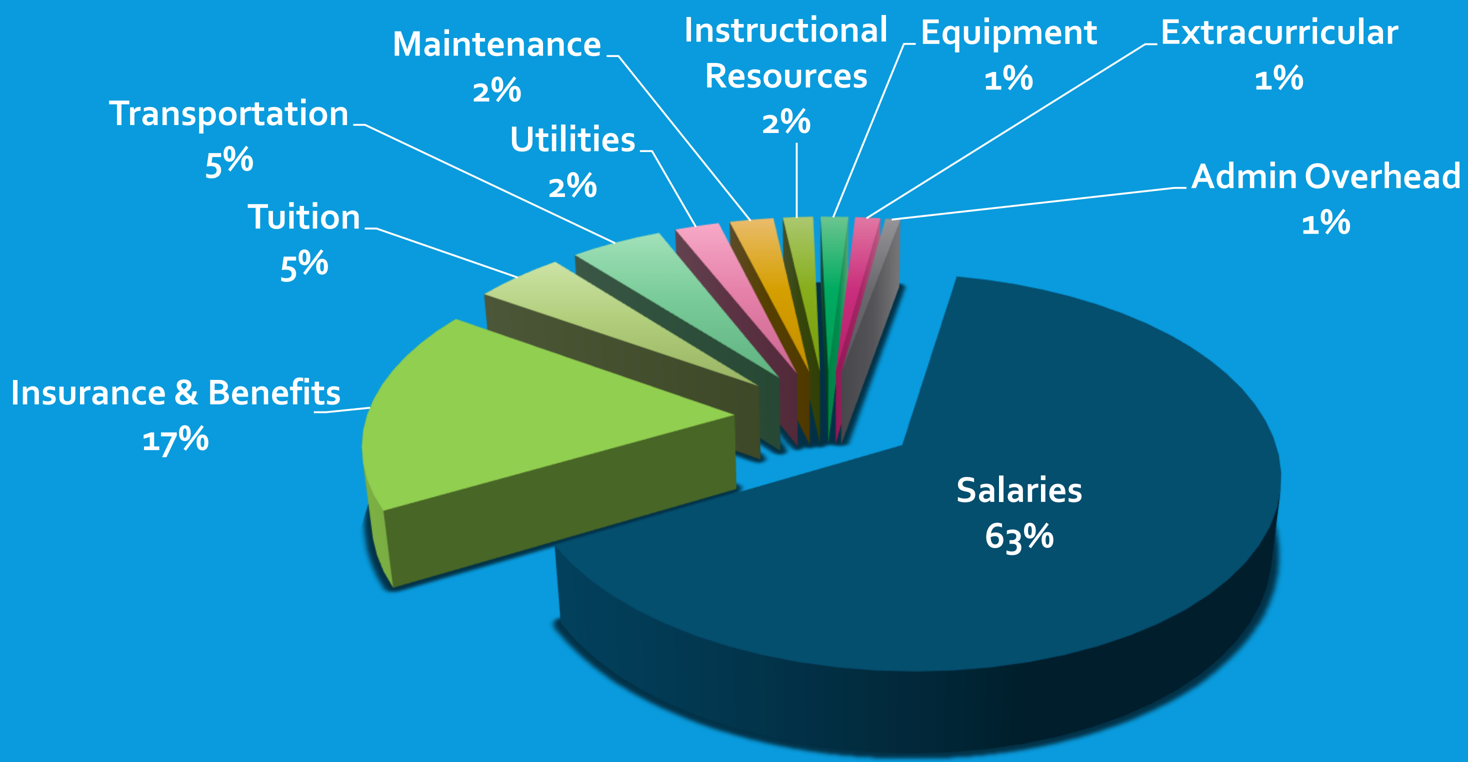
Increase: $1,031,030

Percent Change: 4.08%

Budget Summary by Category

Category	Budget	Increase
Salaries	$16,644,633	$279,864
Insurance & Benefits	$4,576,705	$364,842
Tuition	$1,281,919	$110,819
Transportation	$1,228,696	$23,246
Utilities	$592,635	$9,435
Maintenance	$620,585	$43,852
Instructional Resources	$398,390	$99,481
Equipment	$380,990	$75,560
Extracurricular	$349,524	$18,392
Administrative Overhead	$196,695	$5,539
TOTAL	$26,270,772	$1,031,030

Budget Summary by Category



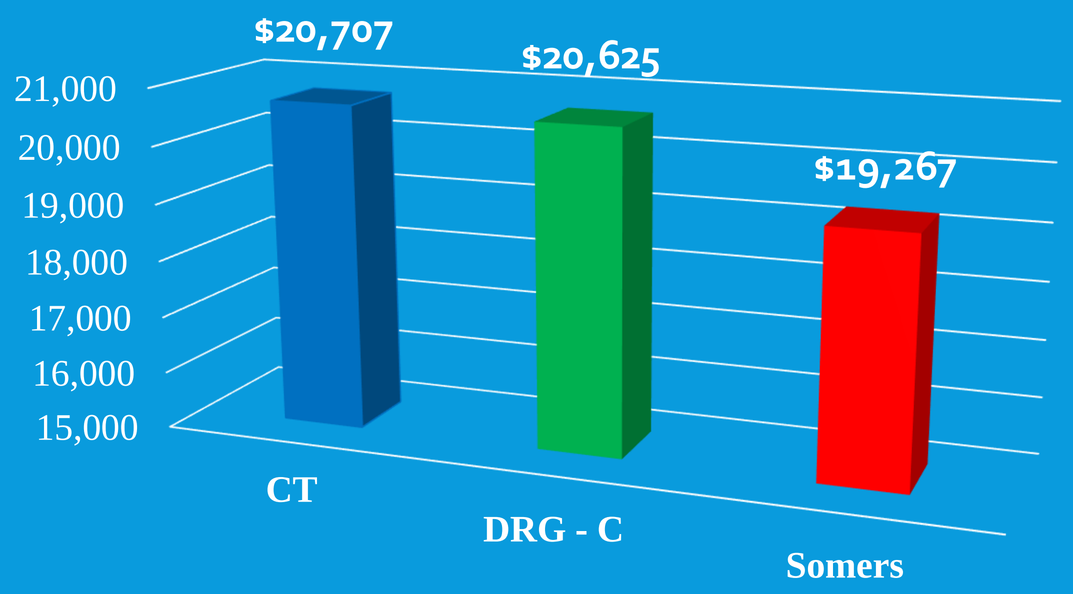
Significant Impacts

Salaries $279,864 Special Education Teacher (K) Math Interventionists (SES) STEM Coach (grade 6-12) Human Resources Specialist (0.6FTE)	**Instructional Resources** $99,481 Supplies (budget cut in 2021-22) Textbooks (budget cut in 2021-22)
Insurance & Benefits $364,842 Projected 12% premium increase Staff enrollment increase	**Equipment** $71,000 Technology Replacement Music Replacement
Transportation $23,246 Contractual extension increase	**Maintenance** $43,852 COVID-19 related and deferments due to cuts

Requests Not Funded

Items Requested	Amount Requested
Curriculum Leader Humanities grades 6-12	$85,000
Curriculum Leader STEM grades K-5	$85,000
Pre-K Transportation	$48,000
TOTAL	$218,000

Per Pupil Expenditures (PPE) Comparisons



Source: Connecticut State Department of Education, 2020-21 Net Current Expenditures Per Pupil

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SELECTMEN’S (TOWN) BUDGET

Tim Keeney, First Selectman

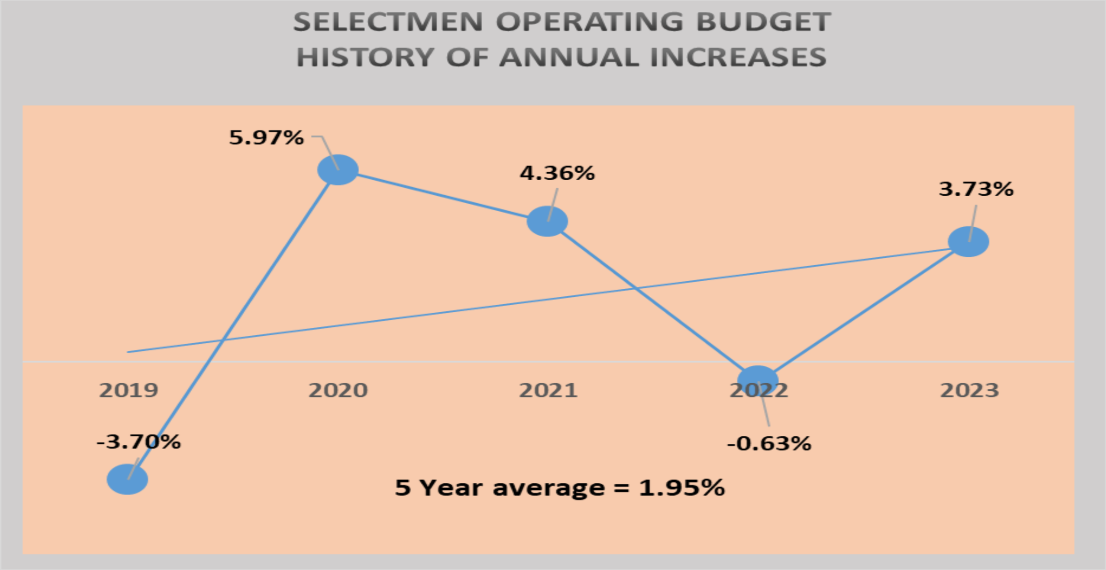
SELECTMEN'S APPROACH TO BUDGETING

EMPHASIS ON SERVICES AND PRIORITIES AND FUNDING ACCORDINGLY

- Clear and thoughtful collaboration and communication
  - ✓Enhanced scrutiny and analysis of department budgets
- Increased transparency
  - ✓All sessions conducted in public
- Performance data to aid in budgeting decisions
- Focus on repairs, improvements and efficiencies
- Cost conscious – in light of increasing inflation
- Deliver value

Proposed Town Annual Budget

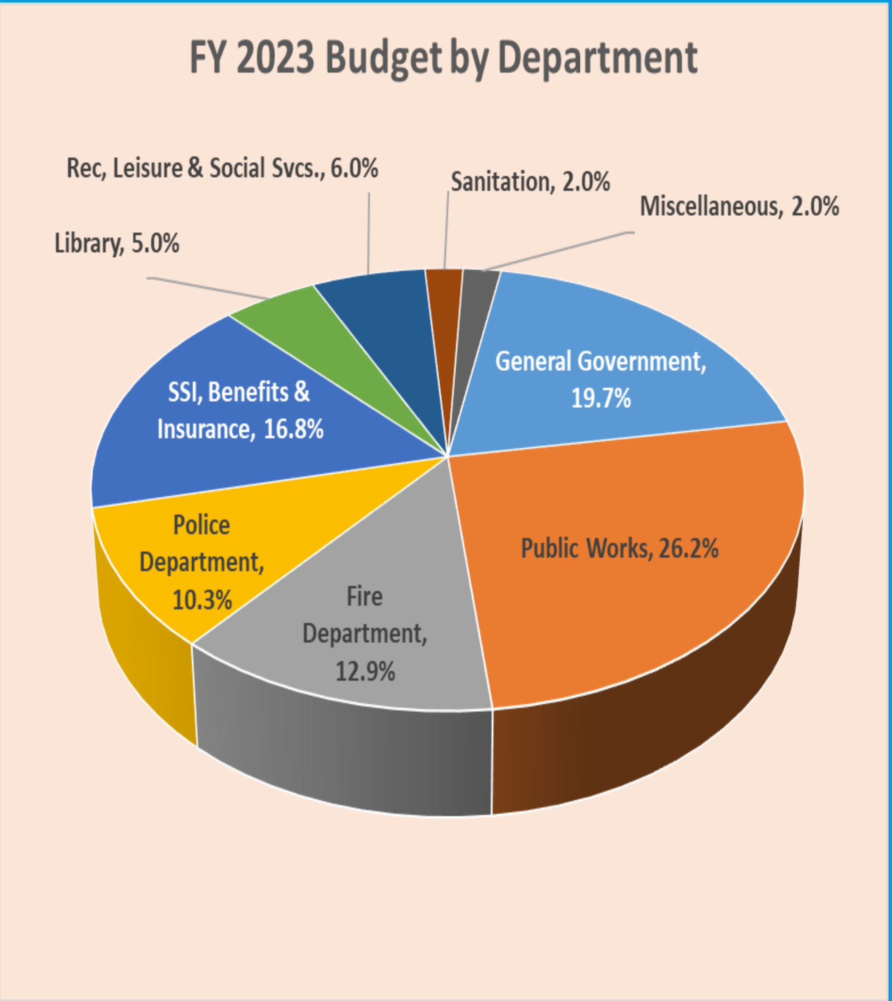
Adopted FY 2021-22 Budget	$8,263,315
Proposed FY 2022-23 Budget	$8,571,576
Increase	$308,261
Percentage Change	3.73%



- Proposed budget represents a 3.73% increase over last year's budget
- Average annual budget increase of 1.95% over the last 5 years
- Average annual inflation growth of 2.93% over the last 5 years
- Current inflation rate of 7% in 2021 and 8.5% in 2022
- Controlled growth in expenditures while adding, not cutting, services

FY 2022-23 EXPENDITURES
BY DEPARTMENT

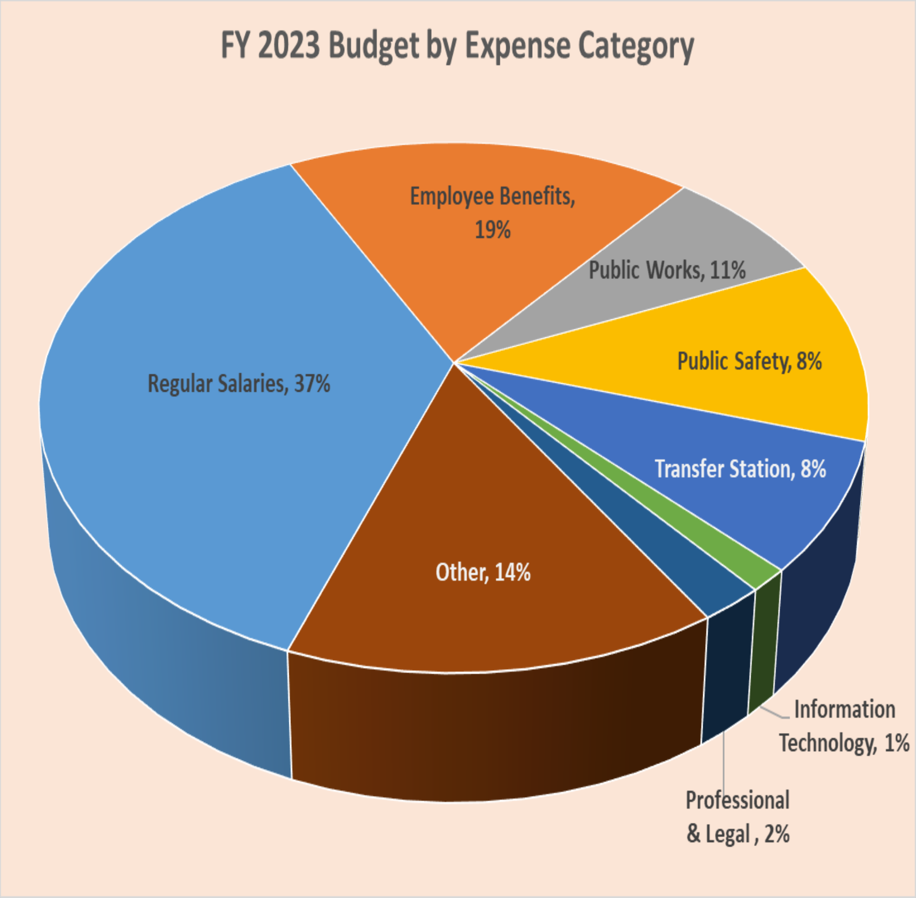
Department	2021-22	2022-23	Change	%
General Government	$1,666,455	$1,689,025	$22,570	1.35%
Public Works	$2,273,287	$2,346,849	$73,562	3.24%
Fire Department	$1,092,905	$1,109,960	$17,055	1.56%
Police	$831,084	$793,118	($37,966)	(4.57%)
SSI, Benefits, & Insurance	$1,424,737	$1,436,079	$11,342	0.80%
Library	$496,480	$528,813	$32,333	6.51%
Rec., Leisure & Social Services	$354,341	$370,238	$15,897	4.49%
Sanitation	$91,026	$81,350	($9,676)	(10.63%)
Miscellaneous	$33,000	$216,144	$183,144	554.98%
TOTAL	$8,263,315	$8,571,576	$308,261	3.73%



FY 2022-23 EXPENDITURES

BY CATEGORY

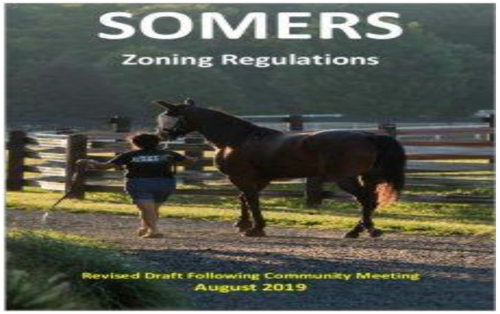
Category	2021-22	2022-23	Change	%
Salaries	$2,937,711	$3,156,536	$218,825	7.45%
Insurance & Benefits	$1,564,737	$1,595,427	$30,690	1.96%
Public Safety	$668,359	$644,182	($24,177)	(3.62%)
Public Works	$956,716	$959,507	$2,791	0.29%
Transfer Station	$544,583	$671,440	$126,857	23.29%
Information Technology	$175,054	$117,668	($57,386)	(32.78%)
Prof. & Legal	$201,520	$185,300	($16,220)	(8.05%)
Other	$1,214,635	$1,241,516	$26,881	2.21%
TOTAL	$8,263,315	$8,571,576	$308,261	3.73%

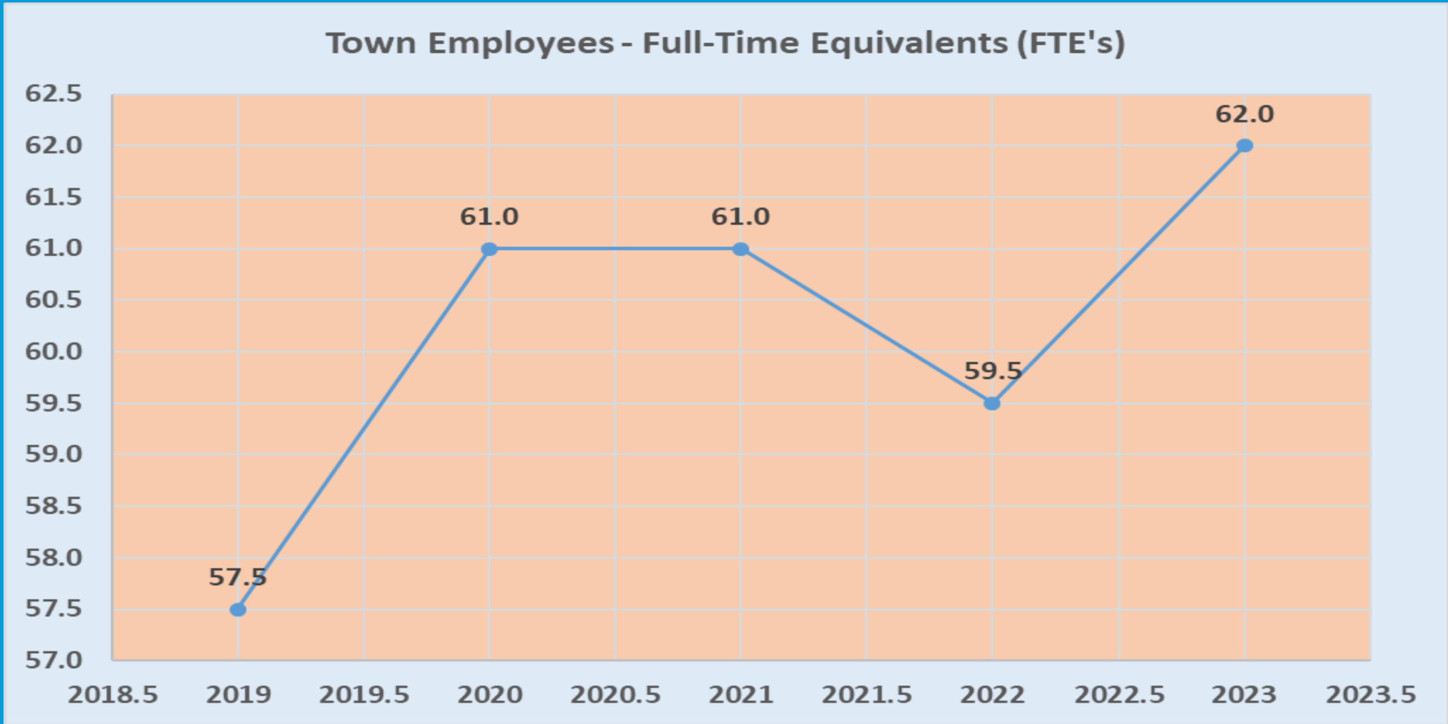


BUDGET INCREASE DRIVERS

Salaries The Board of Selectmen have voted on a 4% salary increase for Town staff. This increase in salaries also includes a new position for Land Use Director.	Increase: $218,825 7.45%
Insurance, SSI, & Benefits Health Insurance premiums have been projected to increase 7%. Also, increase in SSI due to additional hire. Some cost offset from reduction in Worker's Compensation and Liability Insurance premiums.	Increase: $30,690 1.96%
Town Departments - Other This grouping contains various Town department supply budgets, dues & seminars, and other miscellaneous costs. It also includes transfers out to other funds (road maintenance and contract contingency.)	Increase: $26,881 2.21%
Public Works Public Works is recognizing a town-wide cost increase in utilities, fuel (gasoline, diesel, heating) prices and energy prices. A reduction to road maintenance for the upcoming fiscal year is mitigating a larger increase.	Increase: $2,791 0.29%
Transfer Station The Transfer Station increase is directly related to the continually increasing and contractually obligated costs of out of town hauling of waste from the recycling center.	Increase: $126,857 23.29%

APPROVED FY 2023 POSITIONS





Actual FY 2022 (FTE's)	59.5	Approved FY 2023 (FTE's)	62
Full-Time	45	Full-Time	47
Part-Time	29 (14.5 FTE's)	Part-Time	30 (15 FTE's)

- 62.0 FTE's approved
- An Increase of 2.5 FTE's
- Growth of 4.5 FTE's over past 5 years
- Due primarily to FT position increases in Land Use and Recreation Departments
- SRO part-time
- Recreation Department position funded by ARPA

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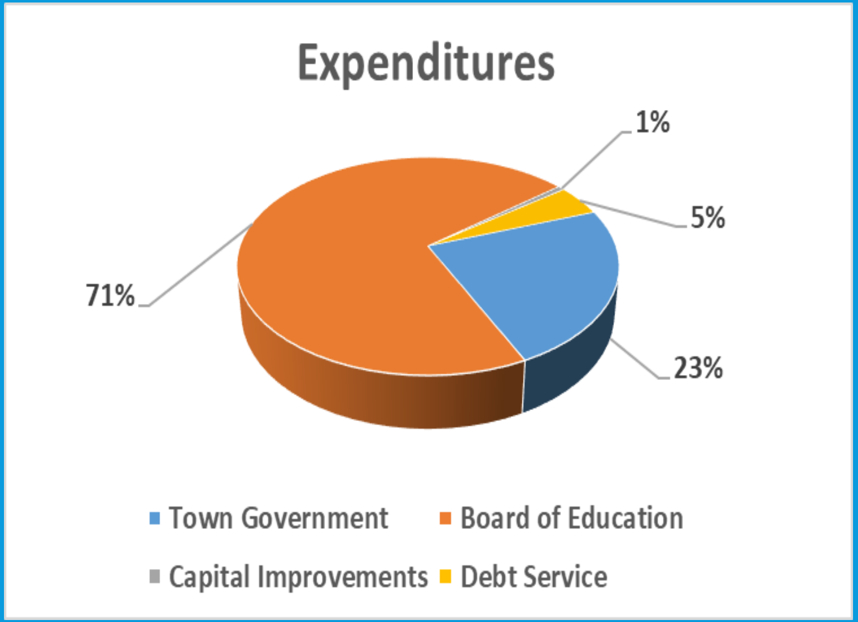
REVENUE AND OVERALL BUDGET

Michael Marinaccio, Chief Financial Officer

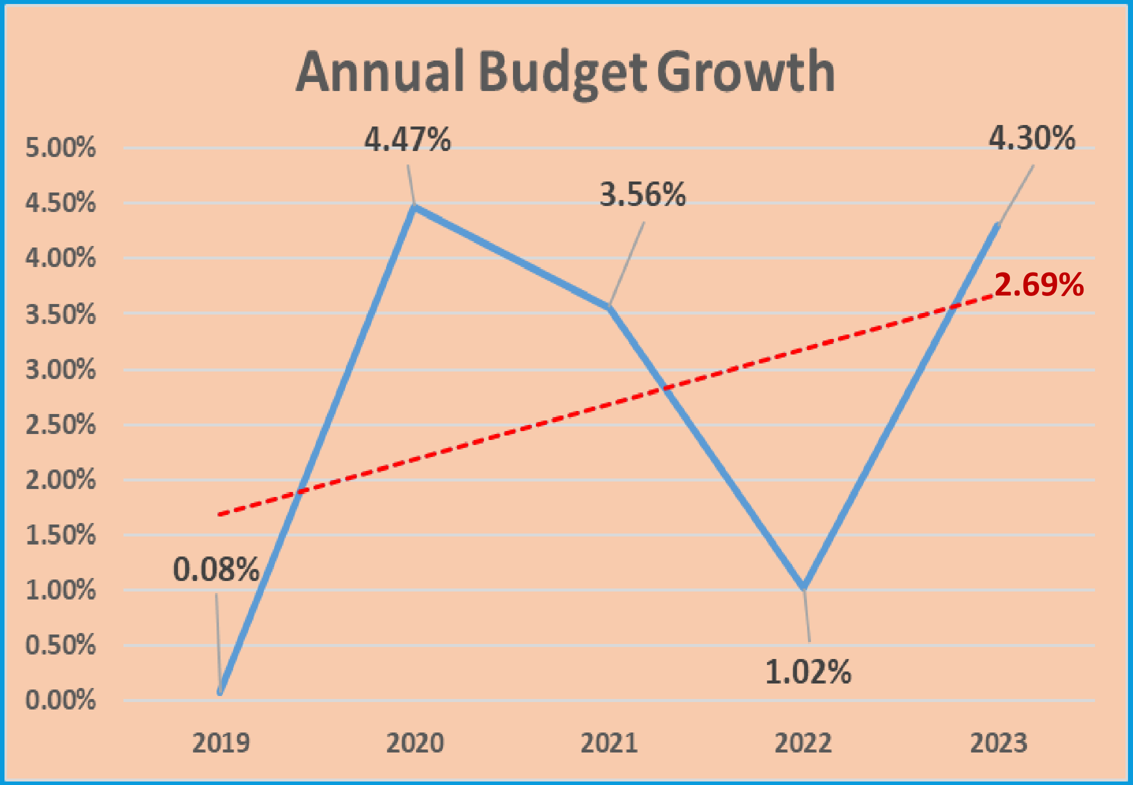
Town-wide Proposed Budget Expenditures

	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23	Increase/ (Decrease)
Town Government	$8,263,315	$8,571,576	$308,261
Board of Education	$25,239,742	$26,270,772	$1,031,030
Capital Improvements	$250,000	$250,000	$ 0
Debt Service	$1,557,188	$1,737,838	$180,650
Total	$35,310,245	$36,830,186	$1,519,941



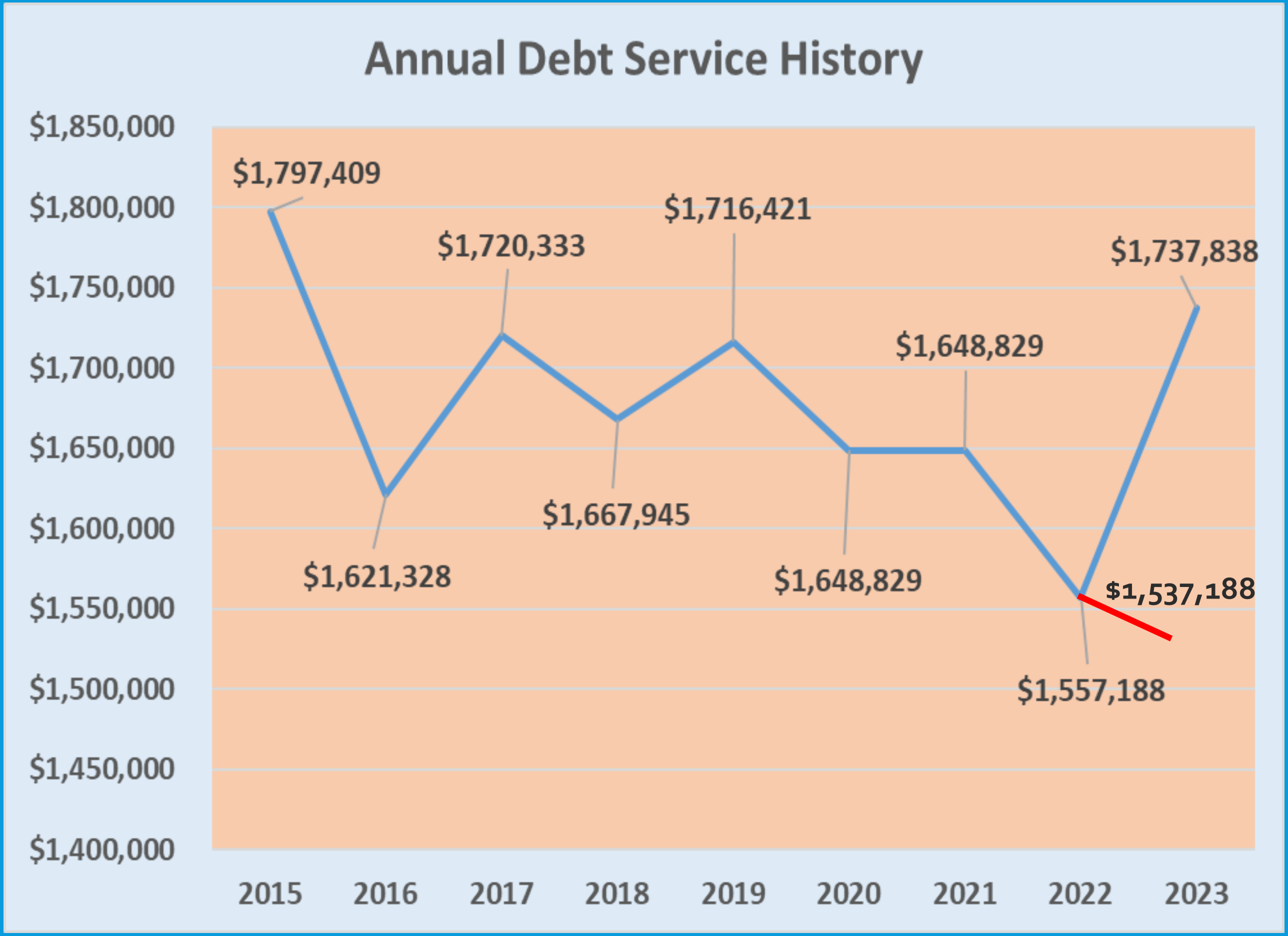
- Town Budget increase is 3.73%
- Board of Ed increase of 4.08%
- Capitol Improvements unchanged
- Debt service payments increase 11.60%
- Total Budget overall increase of 4.30%

Town-wide Proposed Budget Growth Rate



- Average annual budget growth rate of 2.69% from FY 2019 to FY 2023
- Average annual inflation rate of 2.93% for the same period
- Current inflation rate of 7% in 2021 and 8.5% in 2022

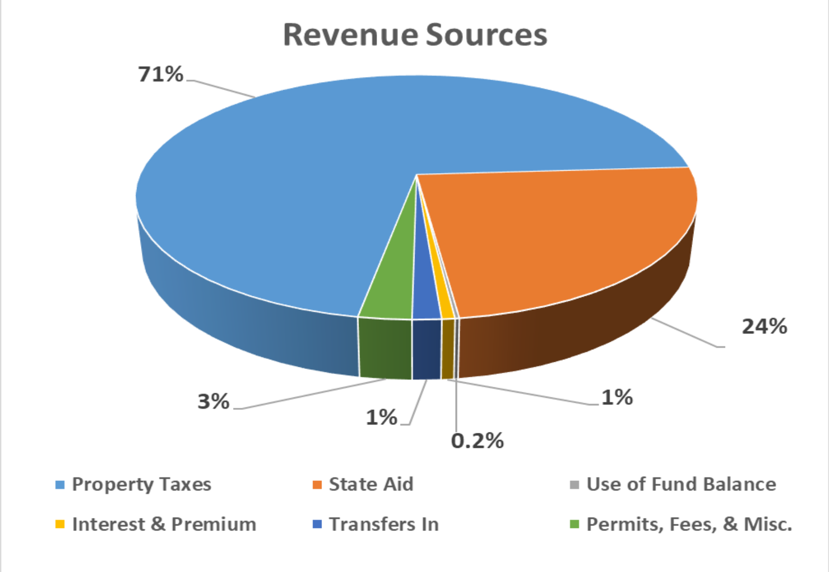
Town-wide Proposed Budget Debt Service



- Debt Service increased by 11.60%; ($20,000) decrease, (0.13%) net
- Offset and funded by amortization of bond premium $200,650 ($1,537,188 net)
- Somers bonded debt per capita is $934
- All municipalities in State per capita average, $2,639; per capita median $1,800
- Debt service payments are stable

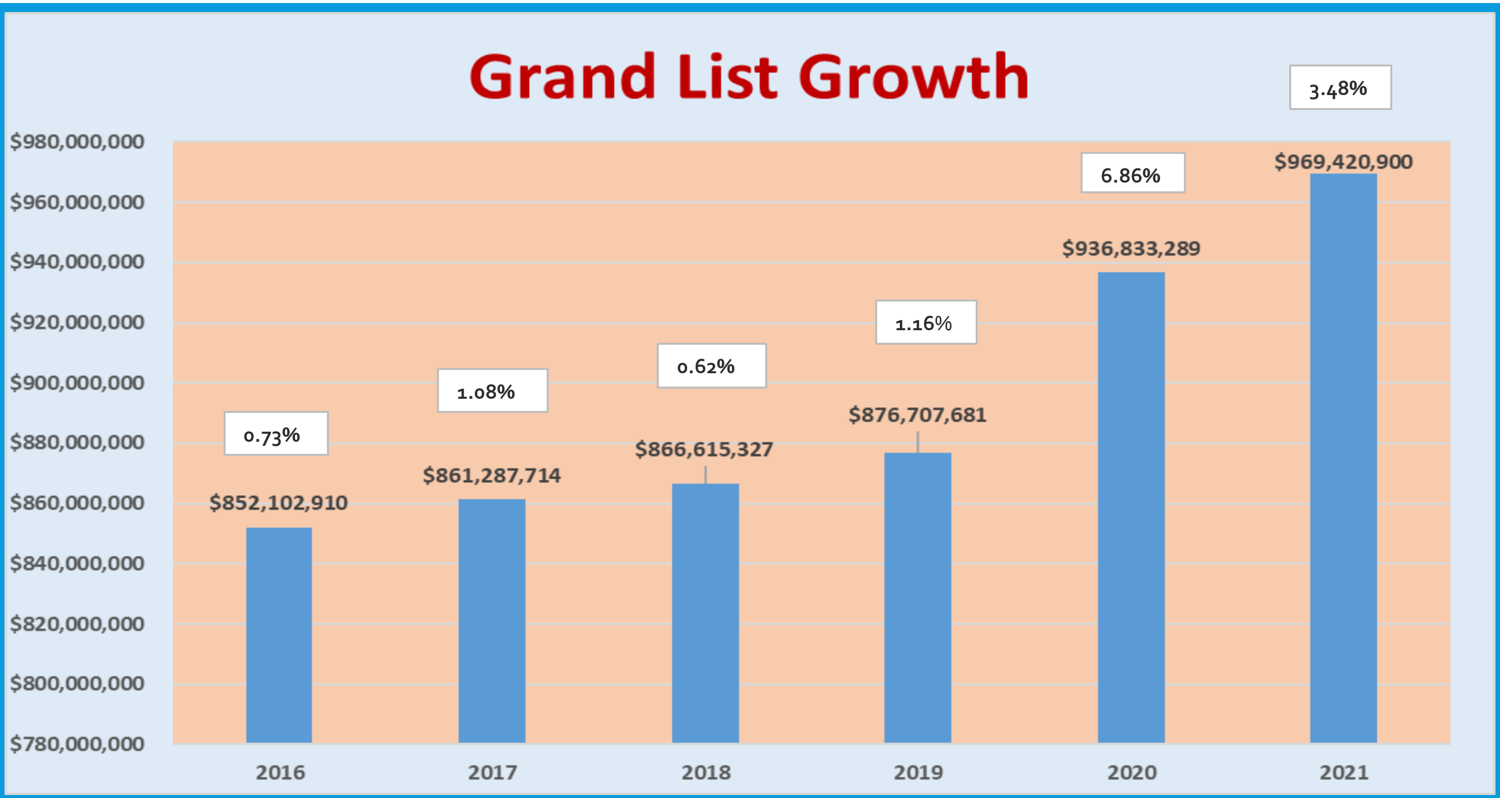
Town-wide Proposed Budget Revenues

	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23	Change
Property Taxes	$24,909,216	$26,227,718	$1,318,502
State Aid	$8,306,604	$8,837,318	$530,714
Use of Fund Balance	$623,667	$75,000	$(548,667)
Interest & Premium	$140,000	$230,650	$90,650
Transfers In Ambulance, Library & Rec	$472,158	$515,000	$42,842
Permits, Fees, & Misc.	$858,600	$944,500	$85,900
Total	$35,310,245	$36,830,186	$1,519,941



- Total Revenues increasing 4.30%
- Property Taxes up 5.29%
- State Aid increasing 6.39%
- Use of Fund Balance reduction (87.97)%
- Interest & Premium increase 64.75%
- Transfers-In increasing 9.07%
- Permits, Fees, and Misc. increasing 10.0%

Town-wide Proposed Budget Grand List Growth

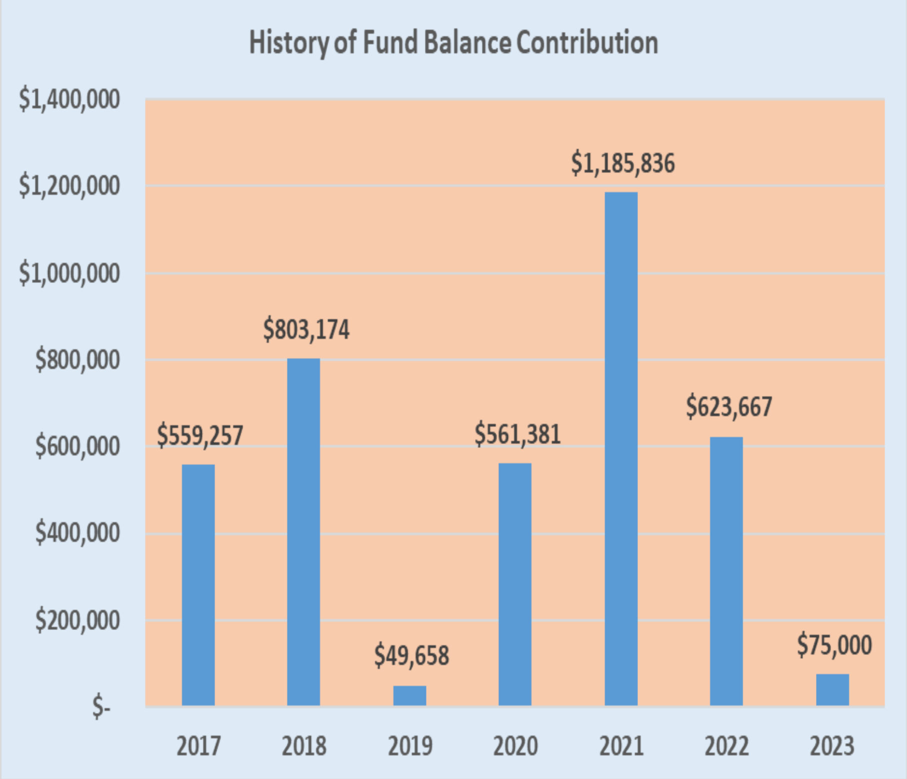


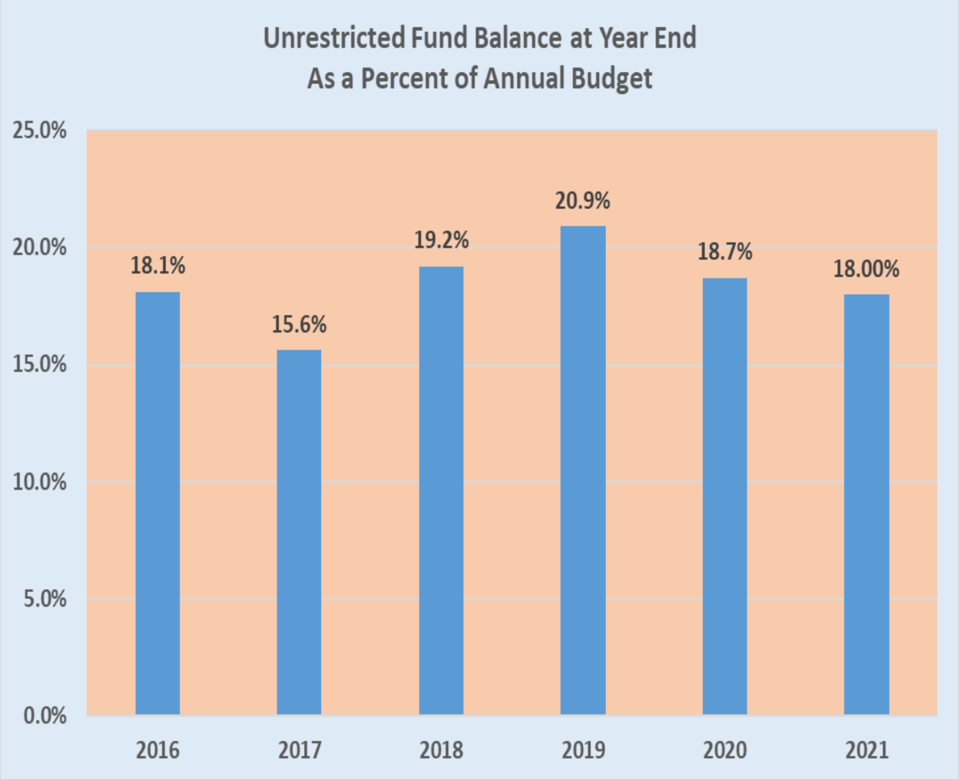
- Local tax revenues are impacted by Grand List Growth
- Town's Net Grand List increased $32.6 million or 3.48% higher than last year
- Revaluation responsible for growth of 2020 Grand List

Comparative Grand List Growth

2021 Grand List Changes for Area Towns			
Town	MV Grand List % Change	Total Grand List % Change	Comments
Bolton	24.60%	2.70%	
Coventry	36.00%	3.60%	
East Windsor	22.28%	4.18%	
Ellington	24.02%	3.67%	
South Windsor	23.60%	2.90%	
Somers	22.20%	3.48%	(Non reval avg. 3.31%)
Stafford	24.10%	3.60%	
Suffield	25.73%	2.74%	
Tolland	25.49%	3.80%	
Windsor Locks	9.20%	2.45%	
Enfield	31.00%	22.76%	Reval Year
Manchester	24.70%	17.99%	Reval Year
Vernon	27.30%	19.70%	Reval Year

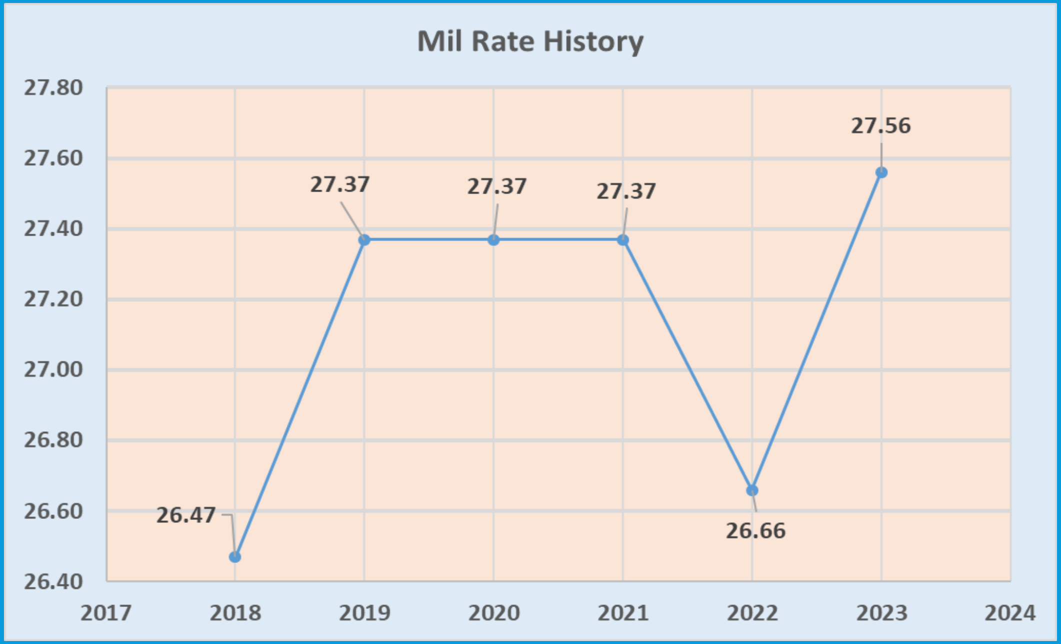
Strategic Use of Unrestricted Fund Balance

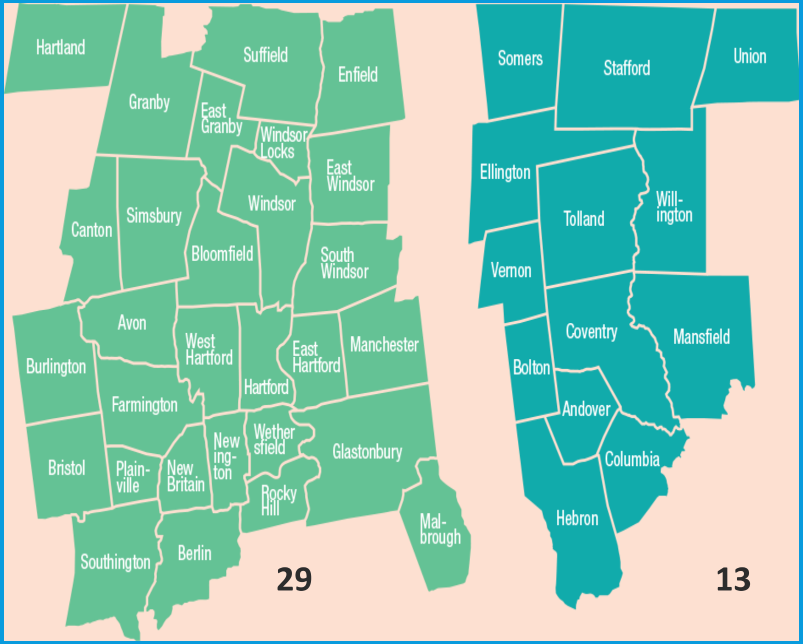




- **Utilized for tax stabilization providing revenue to offset property tax increases**
- **Used total of $3,798,973 in 7 years; avoided a total of 4.03 mills in property tax increases**
- **Best practice: two months of current operating expenses should be available as unrestricted fund balance, or 16.7%**

Annual Mil Rate Growth and Comparisons





- **Proposed 0.90 mil increase to 27.56 mils**
- **Three consecutive years at a mil rate of 27.37; no tax increase**
- **Revaluation mil rate adjustment to 25.91; plus 0.75 mil increase to 26.66 in FY 2022**
- **Moderate mil rate growth over past 5 years: 1.09 mils**
- **Still lowest mil rate in Tolland county (13 towns); 2nd lowest in Hartford county (29 towns) (W. Locks – 25.83)**

Mil Rate Comparisons and Impact on Property Taxes

Somers continues to have significantly lower property taxes than its neighbors

Town	Mil Rate FY 2022	Proposed Mil Rate FY 2023	$240,000 Assessed Value FY 2023	Paying More Than Somers
Tolland	37.11	36.87	$8,849	$2,235
Stafford*	34.93	Unknown	$8,383	$1,769
Ellington	31.60	33.60	$8,064	$1,450
East Windsor*	34.50	34.57	$8,297	$1,683
Suffield	28.64	28.64	$6,874	$ 260
Enfield*	34.23	30.49	$7,318	$ 704
Union	28.60	27.85	$6,684	$ 70
Somers	26.66	27.56	**$6,614	$ 0

**Does not include additional mils associated with separate taxing districts*

***Represents a $216, or a 3.27% increase over last year ($6,614 - $6,398)*

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Public comment session guidelines

- Only one person to speak at a time
- State your name and address prior to presenting your comments
- Please speak directly into the microphone
- Kindly limit comments to 5 minutes
- Once everyone has been heard you will have the opportunity to speak again
- All comments will be recorded
- This will not be a Q&A Session; however, answers to questions will be posted on the Town’s website
- Thank you for your cooperation

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Wrap up and remaining budget schedule

Annual Town Meeting
Town Hall Auditorium
May 3, 2022, 7:00 p.m.
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Budget Referendum Vote
Town Hall Auditorium
May 10, 2022, 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

If you have any questions after tonight, please e-mail Michael Marinaccio (mmarinaccio@somersct.gov) or Brian Wissinger (bwissinger@somersct.gov) regarding the Town budget, or Brian Czapla (Brian.Czapla@somers.k12.ct.us) regarding the Board of Education budget.

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