

# Fiscal Year 2018 Public Budget Meeting

April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Gile Hall 6:30pm – 8:30pm

# Meeting Agenda

- Summary of Budget Goals
- Summary of Budget Process
- Public Budget Meeting Goals
- Highlights of Draft Municipal Budget
- Public Questions / Comment

#### **Summarized Budget Goals**

- Minimize budget impacts to taxpayers
- Spend responsibly, where necessary
- Provide services the public wants
- Relate budget goals to Select Board goals
- Be creative in finding ways to reduce costs
- Streamline budgeting and accounting
- Treat similar work and services similarly
- · Maintain accurate recordkeeping

## **Summarized Budget Goals**

- Improve communication with the public
- Consider the Town budget separate from the School and County budgets
- Eliminate waste and inefficiency
- Focus on capital investment projects
- Use designated and undesignated funds responsibly
- Work together toward the public good

#### The Budget Process to Date

- We've had 16 separate meetings and presentations to consider the budget, in part or in whole, since November of 2016.
- We've had review and comment by members of the public, Boards and Committees, the Budget Committee, and the Select Board.
- We've reviewed budget details for all departments and divisions including budget vs. actual numbers over the past few years

## **Public Budget Meeting Goals**

- Review the budget generally
- Hear and answer (whenever possible) any budget questions, concerns, and comments
- Discuss policy directions and objectives
- Hear any recommended changes to the budget
- Hear recommendations on how to best communicate budget information

## **Municipal Budget Highlights**

- Consolidation of insurance costs into the Administration Department
- Consolidation of postage, office supply, and other fragmented accounts into the Administration Department
- Additional Code Enforcement Hours
- Return to previous levels of Assessing
- Consolidation of maintenance costs and wages into the Maintenance Division

## Municipal Budget Highlights

- Joint Conservation and Trails projects
- Reduction in heating expense for town buildings
- Temporary break in road paving program
- Major gravel road repairs (2+ year plan)
- Major upgrades to emergency communications (no net cost to taxpayers)
- Fire truck rehabilitation
- Transfer of 6 weekly Fire Dept. administration hours to maintenance (due to end of program)

## **Municipal Budget Highlights**

- Focus on capital projects:
  - Saving for future paving and road work (\$15k)
  - Saving for a possible Church Rd. sidewalk (\$45k)
  - Accessibility improvements at Gile Hall (\$24k)
  - Maranacook Lake Dam (\$125k)
- Implementation of solid waste Interlocal Agreement (savings in operating and capital)
- · Funding for Union Meeting House

## Municipal Budget Highlights

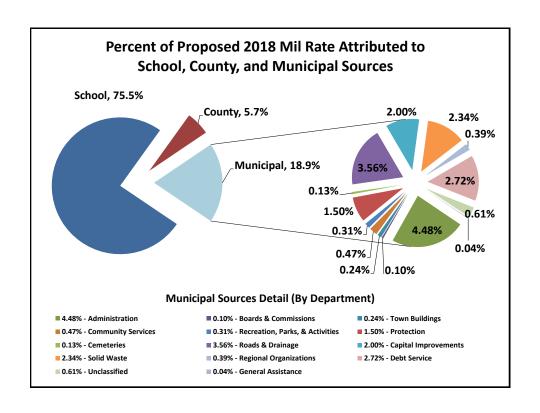
- Bidding and contract revisions for solid waste and winter road maintenance are saving the town tens of thousands of dollars annually
- Service levels are being improved in many areas including the town website, code enforcement, assessing, grounds and building maintenance, and the transfer station
- Approaches and priorities may change, but the impact on taxes is being mitigated

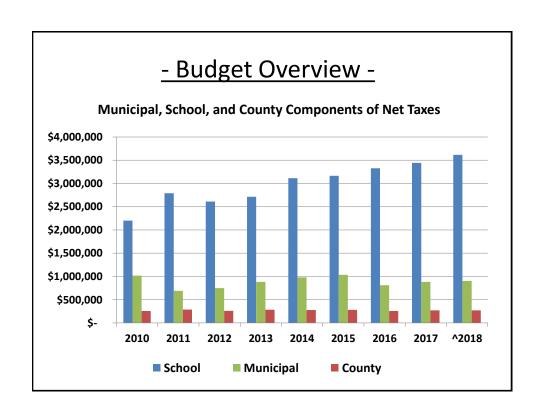
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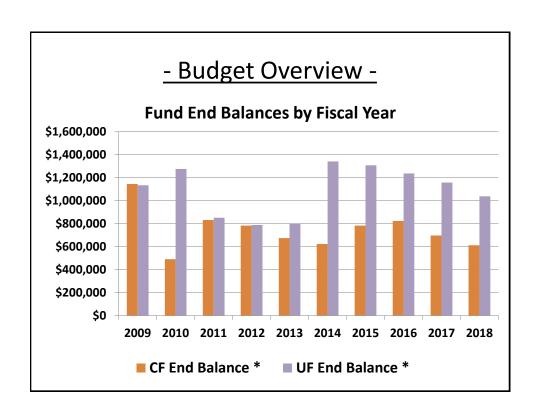
- The Municipal Budget is up slightly with gross Municipal expenses increasing by 0.24% from \$2,296,518 to \$2,302,010, or \$5,492
- This is largely offset by increased non-tax revenues. The net impact on tax dollars raised to fund Municipal services is up by \$415
- The Municipal portion of the mil rate is nearly flat with a .02 decrease from 3.64 to 3.62 mils

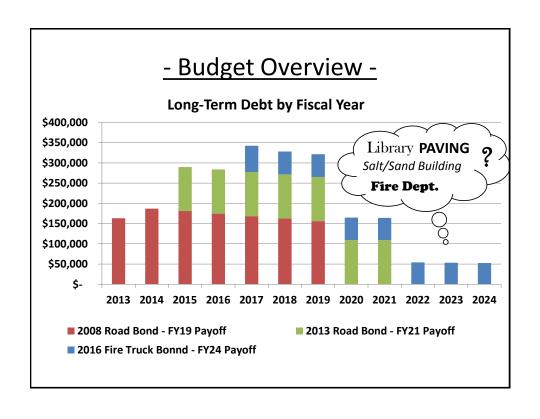
## **School & County Budget Highlights**

- The School District budget is projected to increase (5% to 9% estimate)
- School budget information is available on their website at <a href="https://www.maranacook.org/budget">www.maranacook.org/budget</a>
- The current low-end cost increase is estimated at .63 mils bringing the total up to 14.8 mils
- The County budget will remain at 1.11 mils
- If the school budget stays flat, the total mil rate will decrease from 18.93 to 18.83

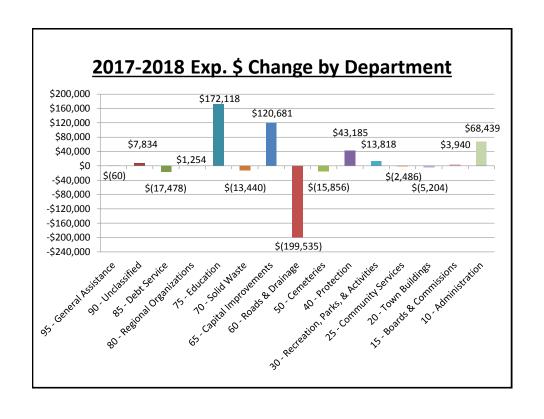








DEPARTMENT SUMMARY												
DEPARTMENT	ARTMENT		2017 BUDGET		2018 BUDGET		7-2018 \$	2017-2018 %				
95 - General Assist	ance	\$	4,710	\$ 4,650		\$ (60)		-1.3%				
90 - Unclassified		\$	63,938	\$	71,772	\$	7,834	12.39				
85 - Debt Service		\$	346,302	\$	328,824	\$	(17,478)	-5.0%				
80 - Regional Organ	nizations	\$	316,346	\$	317,600	\$	1,254	0.4%				
75 - Education		\$	3,442,351	\$	3,614,469	\$	172,118	5.0%				
70 - Solid Waste		\$	296,016	\$	282,576	\$	(13,440)	-4.5%				
65 - Capital Improvements		\$	140,131	\$	260,812	\$	120,681	86.19				
60 - Roads & Draina	age	\$	630,085	\$	430,550	\$	(199,535)	-31.7%				
50 - Cemeteries		\$	31,906	\$	16,050	\$	(15,856)	-49.7%				
40 - Protection		\$	137,690	\$	180,875	\$	43,185	31.4%				
30 - Recreation, Parks, & Activities 25 - Community Services		\$	26,668	\$	40,486	\$	13,818	51.8%				
		\$	59,621	\$	57,135	\$	(2,486)	-4.2%				
20 - Town Building		\$	34,674	\$	29,470	\$	(5,204)	-15.0%				
15 - Boards & Com		\$	5,360	\$	9,300	\$	3,940	73.5%				
10 - Administration	1	\$	473,471	\$	541,910	\$	68,439	14.5%				
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DEPARTMENT	2017 BUDGET			8 BUDGET	2017-2018 \$		2017-2018 %
10- ADMINISTRATION	\$	5,706,026	\$	5,849,241	\$	143,215	2.5%
15 - BOARDS & COMMISSIONS	\$	29,875 19,201 5,580 - 41,435	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$	29,580 21,782 25,000 - 45,000 10,975	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$	(295) 2,581 19,420 - 3,565 10,975	-1.0% 13.4% 348.0% - 8.6%
20 - TOWN BUILDINGS O&M	\$						
25 COMMUNITY SERVICES	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$						
30 RECREATION, PARKS,& ACTIVITIES							
40 PROTECTION							
50 CEMETERIES							
60 Roads & Drainage							
65 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS							
70 SOLID WASTE	\$	183,308	\$	181,636	\$	(1,672)	-0.9%
90 UNCLASSIFIED	\$	21,489	\$	20,940	\$	(549)	-2.6%
95 GENERAL ASSISTANCE	\$	2,355	\$	2,325	\$	(30)	-1.3%
	TOTAL \$	6,009,269	\$	6,186,479	\$	177,210	2.9%

