

### **Additional budget survey suggestions:**

Mike Laberge, BC:

The survey asks if folks want to save money by reducing hours at the town office and transfer station. I believe this is too narrow and should be broadened to ask if they want to save money by reducing road maintenance, building maintenance and library hours. Everything should be on the table.

It might be nice to ask folks if they support proposed elimination of state revenue sharing to municipalities, since reductions in revenue sharing and state school subsidy are largely what triggered the tax increases in the first place

RSU header info:

Regarding the change in RSU subsidies and total budget since 2007:

Highest subsidy revenue	FY2007 \$6,826,134
Current subsidy revenue	FY2015 \$3,535,952 or a 48% drop
Highest budget	FY2007 \$16,521,637
Current budget	FY2015 \$15,614,578 or a 5.5% drop

Town header info:

The Town has received a decreasing trend in state revenue sharing from a high of \$272,865 in 2008 to the current projection of under \$110,000 in 2015 (almost a 60% decline).

Staff:

Ask the following questions so we can get a feel for the awareness and use of the Town Web Site (which can help reduce office transaction costs):

- 1) Are you aware of the Town Web Site?
- 2) If yes, have you used at least one of the available links for taxes, licenses or registrations?
- 3) How could the website be improved to serve the community better? What cost would be acceptable for this?