



Portsmouth, RI

Joint Town Council & School Committee Meeting

JANUARY 7, 2019

FY19 Budget Drivers

- Revenue
- Expenditures
- Capital
 - Town
 - School
- Technology

Revenue

Town

Car Tax Reduction:

- Decrease in number of taxable vehicles (approx. 10%)
- Tax Levy will decrease approx. \$558K (14%)
- Current State legislation provides for reimbursement

New housing and building construction:

- Approx. 3% growth
- Assessment appeals may potentially impact revenue projections

Schools

State Aid:

- Year 9 of 10 of implementation of new state funding formula
- Projected to lose approximately \$222K in state aid in FY20

Tuitions:

- Expected to increase due to continued enrollment of non Portsmouth residents into the RIDE approved CTE Academy programs (Child Development, Media Communications & Digital Video Production and Engineering)

Expenditures

Town

Salaries – Fire and PMEA contracts expire in June 2019. Project salaries to grow between 2.0% - 2.5% (including raises, step movement and staffing changes).

Health – RI Trust predicts flat to small increase in premiums due to favorable utilization trends.

Retiree Health (OPEB) – Pay as you go expense projected to slightly increase as the number of future retirees increase.

Retirement – 3% increase in Town Pension based on Segal Actuary Report.

Schools

Salaries – Teacher contract expires in June 2019. Unknown impact on FY20 budget.

Health - Premiums expected to be flat to small increase due to favorable utilization trends and plan design changes for non certified staff.

Retirement – Small increase in Town Pension ARC (~\$8K) based on actuary report. Contributions to the ERSRI for teachers will increase from 13.45% of salary to 14.12% in FY20 (5% increase).

Out of District Tuitions – Expecting a large increase in special education costs due to new students requiring out of district placement.

Expenditures – Debt Service

Total Bond Debt Service for Town and School:
\$2,720,209 (this represents a 2.3% decrease).

Total Capital Lease Service for the Town:
\$280,035

Expenditures - Other

Labor Contracts:

- Town Fire contract will expire in 2019
- Town PMEA contract will expire in 2019

Continue Town/School Collaboration/Efficiencies:

- Shared outsourced facilities management resource (Aramark)
- Shared Human Resource Director
- Shared Technology Department
- SROs

Capital: Town

Administration

- Town Hall Phone System
- Furniture Replacement Program
- LED Streetlight Program
- Interior Painting in Town Hall

DPW

- Road paving increase \$50,000
- Fleet improvement program
- Security System
- Town Hall Restroom Renovations
- Glen Stable Cupolas
- Glen Farm Ice House
- Back Flows
- Melville Dam Rehabilitation
- Glen Park Building Repairs
- Stonewall Repairs
- PI Undocumented Septic
- Tire Machine

Fire

- Fire Boat Replacement
- Vehicle Replacement

Police

- Fleet improvement program
- Portable Radio Replacement Program
- Police Variable Message Board
- Police Station Furniture

Recreation

- Mt. Hope Park Project
- 3S Fields

Planning

- EMS Mobile Command/Communications
- Large Format Printer Plotter

Town wide

- Facility Condition Assessment Priorities

Capital: Schools

School Facilities:

- Hathaway Elementary – 50,200 s.f.
- Melville Elementary – 44,800 s.f.
- Portsmouth Middle School – 157,800 s.f.
- Portsmouth High School – 193,500 s.f.
- Administration Building – 4,400 s.f.

FY20 Capital Projects:

- PHS Partial Roof Replacement ~ \$575K
- Hathaway Asbestos Tile Abatement ~ \$30K

FY20 and Beyond:

Engage an Educational Facility Planner to develop:

- Educational Facility Master Plan
- Facilities Conditions Assessment
- 5 Year Capital Plan
- RIDE Necessity of School Construction application with approval in May 2020 (needed to access all forms of state housing aid reimbursement)

Technology

Town

- An analysis of all systems will be done in FY 20. For this budget, there will be no major increases

Schools

Intend to fund school technology equipment purchases with municipal lease as in past years:

- Network/Storage infrastructure replacement
- Laptop/Computer refresh
- Copiers replacement
- Continued 1:1 Student Device Rollout