Portsmouth, RI
Joint Town Council & School Committee Meeting
JANUARY 13, 2020
FY20 Budget Drivers

• Revenue
• Expenditures
• Capital
  • Town
  • School
• Technology
**Town**

**Car Tax Reduction:**
- Decrease in number of taxable vehicles (approx. 10%)
- Tax Levy will decrease approx. $345K (19%)
- Current State legislation provides for reimbursement

**New housing and building construction:**
- Approx. 2 to 3% growth
- Assessment appeals may potentially impact revenue projections

**Schools**

**State Aid:**
- Year 10 of 10 of implementation of new state funding formula
- Projected to lose approximately $200K in state aid in FY21

**Tuition:**
- Expected to decrease due to lower number of Little Compton students
Expenditures

**Town**

**Salaries** – Police and DPW contracts expire in June 2020. Project salaries to grow between 2.0% - 2.5% (including raises, step movement and staffing changes).

**Health** – We project 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** – 9.7% increase in Town Pension based on Segal Actuary Report.

**Schools**

**Salaries** – Teachers working under contract continuation. Unknown impact on FY21 budget.

**Health** - Premiums expected to be flat to small increase due to favorable utilization trends.

**Retirement** – ERSRI pension contributions for teachers will increase from 14.12% of salary to 14.50% in FY21 (2.7% increase).

**Transportation** – Busing contract expires at the end of 2020 and will be rebid. Unknown impact on FY21 budget. Unfavorable Statewide transportation trends continue.
Expenditures – Debt Service

Total Bond Debt Service for Town and School:
$2,664,223 (2% decrease)

Total Capital Lease Service for the Town:
$429,160
Expenditures - Other

Labor Contracts:
- Town Police contract will expire in 2020
- Town DPW contract will expire in 2020

Continue Town/School Collaboration/Efficiencies:
- Shared outsourced facilities management resource (Aramark)
- Shared Technology Department
- SROs
Capital: Town

**Administration**
- Town Hall Security Upgrades
- Furniture Replacement Program
- A/V Upgrades
- Accounting Software

**DPW**
- Road paving increase $150,000
- Fleet improvement program
- Back Flows
- Glen Stable Cupolas
- Linden Lane Stone Wall
- Melville Dam Rehabilitation
- Glen Park Building Repairs
- DPW Septic upgrade
- Elmhurst Park Lights
- Weaver Cove Boat Ramp
- Sandy Point Beach House

**Fire**
- Boat dock at PI
- Vehicle Replacement

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

**Recreation**
- Mt. Hope Park Project
- 3S Fields

**Planning**
- Building Inspector Vehicle
- Large Format Printer Plotter

**Town wide**
- Facility Condition Assessment Priorities
- Community Center Feasibility Study
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.

New 5 Year Capital Plan:
• Submit Stage II in February 2020
• Receive State approval in May 2020
• Bond referendum in November 2020
• Projects
  • Additions at 2 elementary schools to accommodate grade 5, new secure entrances/main offices, site work
  • PMS renovations
  • PHS new construction to connect field house, new media center, classroom renovations

FY21 Capital Projects:
• New district wide phone system
• Classroom furniture
• Safety Capital
  • Cybersecurity upgrades
  • Continued camera upgrades
### Technology

#### Town
- Year one of PC Replacement Program
- WEB Site Upgrade
- New Accounting System Software

#### 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