



# Portsmouth, RI

## Joint Town Council & School Committee Meeting

JANUARY 13, 2020

# FY20 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. \$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

### Tuitions:

- 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

# 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.

## **FY21 Capital Projects:**

- New district wide phone system
- Classroom furniture
- Safety Capital
  - Cybersecurity upgrades
  - Continued camera upgrades

## **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



# 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