

TOWN OF SCITUATE

March 2016

Dear Residents,

The Town Council has prepared the budget that is to be acted upon at the Annual Financial Town Meeting to be held on **Tuesday, April 5, 2016 at 8:00 pm** in the High School Auditorium. A copy of the budget chart showing the percent thereof allocated to the several appropriations for the various town services is shown herein.

The budget totals \$35,078,319. Since revenues of \$7,097,418 will be available from other sources, it will be necessary to raise \$27,980,901 by taxation. The Town of Scituate is currently conducting a revaluation of all real property, which is mandated by the State of Rhode Island. It is anticipated that there will be an overall increase in property values. If budget items 1-8 and the resolutions are adopted without change, the real estate tax rate will be \$18.04 per thousand for residential real estate, \$21.65 per thousand for commercial, industrial, mixed use real estate, and \$38.37 per thousand for tangible personal property. The motor vehicle tax rate remains frozen at \$30.20 per thousand in accordance with state law. This would result in an effective 2.68% tax rate increase.

The above property tax estimates have been computed pursuant to current law and are approved by the Rhode Island Department of Revenue.

This budget includes spending for education, public safety, highway improvements, debt repayment, libraries, recreational programs, social services, town properties and cultural services. It reflects level funding in most areas, and, quite notably maintains the motor vehicle phase out exemption at \$6,000 per vehicle (pro-rated) while reimbursement from the State remains at \$500 per vehicle. The Town Council and Budget Committee also propose continuing funding for the Police Pension beyond the Annual Required Contribution, and continued funding the OPEB (Other Post Employment Benefits) trust fund to comply with regulatory recommendations. In addition, the Budget Committee has developed a five-year capital plan for infrastructure, equipment and town vehicles.

It is hoped that as many qualified registered voters as possible attend this meeting. Individuals requesting interpreter services for the hearing impaired must call 647-2822 seventy-two hours in advance of said meeting. TTY # is 1-800-745-5555.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Collins, Jr.
Town Council President

Margaret M. Long
Town Clerk

Theodore J. Przybyla
Town Treasurer

FOR CONSIDERING THE FOLLOWING

- Resolution No. 1:** Tax Anticipation Notes \$2,000,000. This is the annual resolution for TAN's.
- Resolution No. 2:** General Obligation Bond not to exceed \$3,000,000 for capital expenditures (to include by way of example, and not by limitation: fire suppression & EMS apparatus; improvements to town properties; K9 and highway vehicles; fire organizations' capital equipment needs; paving costs; and, police equipment purchases.)

SUMMARY LINE ITEMS TO BE VOTED UPON; DETAILS FOLLOW.

	RECOMMENDED 2016-2017	ACTUAL 2015-2016	\$ NET CHANGE	% NET CHANGE
ITEM 1 DEBT SERVICE				
110	PRINCIPAL & INTEREST/BONDS & NOTES	2,407,073	2,574,051	-166,978 -6.49%
ITEM 2 EDUCATION				
210	SUPPORT OF PUBLIC EDUCATION	22,953,624	22,593,911	359,713 1.59%
210	SCHOOL COMMITTEE	10,200	10,200	0 0.00%
ITEM 3 PUBLIC WORKS				
310	HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT	982,359	913,736	68,623 7.51%
320	SOLID WASTE	630,641	615,764	14,877 2.42%
330	TOWN PROPERTIES	352,355	324,305	28,050 8.65%
340	PAWTUXET RIVER AUTHORITY	5,000	5,000	0 0.00%
350	CARE OF TREES	11,500	10,700	800 7.48%
390	CEMETERY CARE	10,000	7,740	2,260 29.20%
ITEM 4 PUBLIC SAFETY				
410	POLICE DEPARTMENT	2,011,623	1,916,944	94,679 4.94%
420	FIRE DEPARTMENTS	935,529	905,799	29,730 3.28%
430	EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY	44,500	42,000	2,500 5.95%
440	ANIMAL CONTROL	95,373	77,727	17,646 22.70%
450	STREET LIGHTS	35,000	35,000	0 0.00%
ITEM 5 RECREATION & CULTURAL SERVICES				
510	RECREATION	212,581	176,983	35,598 20.11%
530	LIBRARIES	469,200	460,000	9,200 2.00%
530	STATE AID LIBRARY EXPENSE	93,578	95,113	-1,535 -1.61%
540	MEMORIAL & VETERANS' DAYS	1,000	1,000	0 0.00%
ITEM 6 SOCIAL SERVICES				
610	HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES	158,113	139,582	18,531 13.28%
620	WELFARE DEPARTMENT	10,697	9,872	825 8.36%
ITEM 7 GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
710	TOWN TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT	171,893	156,562	15,331 9.79%
720	TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE	200,871	183,030	17,841 9.75%
730	TAX COLLECTION & ASSESSMENT	277,660	256,989	20,671 8.04%
740	TOWN COUNCIL	14,500	14,500	0 0.00%
750	BOARD OF CANVASSERS	21,215	11,680	9,535 81.64%
760	BUILDING/ ZONING/ CODE ENFORCEMENT	257,196	227,142	30,054 13.23%
770	PROBATE JUDGE	3,750	3,750	0 0.00%
780	LEGAL SERVICES/MGT/CONSULTANTS	314,000	414,000	-100,000 -24.15%
ITEM 8 FIXED CHARGES				
810	AUDIT	44,450	35,000	9,450 27.00%
820	OFFICERS' BONDS	1,660	1,660	0 0.00%
830	SOC. SEC./BLUE CROSS/RETIREMENT/ UNEMPLOYMENT/LIFE INSURANCE/ EMPLOYEE SEPARATION COST/ POLICE PENSION SUPPLEMENT/ OPEB	2,341,178	2,294,528	46,650 2.03%
	TOTAL	35,078,319	34,514,268	564,051 1.63%

SUMMARY OF SCHOOL BUDGET FUNDING	RECOMMENDED 2016-2017	ACTUAL 2015-2016	\$ NET CHANGE	% NET CHANGE
Town Appropriation	17,773,088	17,274,789	498,299	2.88%
State Aid to Education	3,791,211	3,929,797	-138,586	-3.53%
Federal Aid / Other School Revenue	447,525	447,525	0	0.00%
Applied School Fund Balance	952,000	952,000	0	0.00%
	22,963,824	22,604,111	359,713	1.59%

PROPOSED BUDGET DETAIL

	<u>PROPOSED</u>	<u>INC/DEC</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>\$ CHANGE</u>
ITEM 1 DEBT SERVICE				
110	PRINC & INT ON BONDS & NOTES		2,407,073	-166,978
	PRINCIPAL ON BONDS & NOTES	1,018,933		23,697
	INTEREST ON BONDS & NOTES	388,140		-52,379
	CAPITAL PROJECTS	1,000,000		-138,296
ITEM 2 EDUCATION				
210	SUPPORT OF PUBLIC EDUCATION		22,963,824	359,713
	EDUCATION	22,953,624		359,713
	SCHOOL COMMITTEE	10,200		0
ITEM 3 PUBLIC WORKS				
310	HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT		982,359	68,623
	SALARIES & CLOTHING ALLOWANCE	669,631		64,822
	SUPPLIES & MATERIALS	256,644		2,685
	CAPITAL	25,000		0
	TELEPHONE	6,500		400
	INSURANCE	24,584		716
320	SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL		630,641	14,877
	RUBBISH PICKUP/CONTAINER RENT	501,997		624
	SANITARY LANDFILL	118,644		13,644
	MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS	10,000		609
330	TOWN PROPERTIES & MAINTENANCE		352,355	28,050
	SALARIES	53,582		497
	MAINTENANCE	119,974		27,766
	SUPPLIES, EXPENSES, INSURANCE	178,799		-213
340	PAWTUXET RIVER AUTHORITY	5,000	5,000	0
350	CARE OF TREES		11,500	800
	TREE WARDEN	500		0
	TREE CARE EXPENSES	11,000		800
390	CEMETERY CARE	10,000	10,000	2,260
ITEM 4 PUBLIC SAFETY				
410	POLICE DEPARTMENT		2,011,623	94,679
	SALARIES	1,657,470		94,679
	EDUCATION	15,000		0
	SUPPLIES/EXPENSES/INSURANCE	311,178		0
	TELEPHONES	12,825		0
	TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION	300		0
	SICK LEAVE	4,500		0
	TRAINING	10,350		0
420	FIRE DEPARTMENTS		935,529	29,730
	NORTH SCITUATE FIRE DEPT.	89,096		8,998
	HOPE-JACKSON FIRE CO.	93,828		7,586
	POTTERVILLE FIRE DEPT.	57,155		1,664
	CHOPMIST HILL FIRE DISTRICT	52,378		-1,571
	AMBULANCE CORP.	13,275		-19,425
	FIRE HYDRANTS	33,891		0
	FIRE ENGINEERING BOARD	9,400		0
	FUEL	28,795		-1,514
	INSURANCE/TRAINING/COMMUN.	154,211		4,492
	TRUCK MAINTENANCE	51,500		1,500
	RESCUE CONTINGENCY/OPERATIONS	68,000		0
	EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES	284,000		28,000

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	<u>PROPOSED</u>	<u>INC/DEC</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>\$ CHANGE</u>
430 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT			44,500	2,500
SUPPLIES / MATERIALS	8,500	2,500		
EMA SALARY	36,000	0		
440 ANIMAL CONTROL			95,373	17,647
ANIMAL CONTROL SALARIES	78,824	17,647		
SUPPLIES & EXPENSES	16,549	0		
450 STREET LIGHTS	35,000	0	35,000	0
ITEM 5 RECREATION AND CULTURAL SERVICES				
510 RECREATION			212,581	35,598
SALARIES	122,581	23,598		
EQUIPMENT / LEASE	22,000	12,000		
GENERAL EXPENSE/PROGRAMS	60,000	0		
OPEN SPACE/LAND USE	8,000	0		
530 LIBRARIES			562,778	7,665
NORTH SCITUATE LIBRARY	234,600	4,600		
HOPE LIBRARY	234,600	4,600		
STATE LIBRARY AID EXPENSE	93,578	-1,535		
540 MEMORIAL AND VETERAN'S DAY	1,000	0	1,000	0
ITEM 6 SOCIAL SERVICES				
610 HEALTH SERVICES			158,113	18,531
SENIOR SERVICES SALARIES	91,783	18,531		
PROGAMS/ACTIVITY/SPEAKERS	2,500	0		
VAN MAINTENANCE EXPENSE	8,515	0		
SENIOR VAN SERVICES EXPENSE	500	0		
OFFICE SUPPLIES/POSTAGE	4,100	0		
TELEPHONE EXPENSE	750	0		
SCITUATE HEALTH ALLIANCE	20,000	0		
WELLONE	7,965	0		
GATEWAY HEALTHCARE, INC	8,000	0		
SAMARITANS	500	0		
SOJOURNER HOUSE	1,000	0		
COMPREHENSIVE COMM. ACTION	10,000	0		
SENIOR DAY CARE	2,500	0		
620 WELFARE DEPARTMENT			10,697	825
DIRECTOR SALARY	6,131	825		
WELFARE EXPENSES	4,566	0		
ITEM 7 GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
710 TOWN TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT			171,893	15,332
SALARIES	135,551	10,332		
SUPPLIES & EXPENSE	18,475	0		
POSTAGE	903	0		
PRINTING	238	0		
TELEPHONES	1,200	0		
COMPUTER HARDWARE/SOFTWARE	1,900	0		
TRAINING/EDUCATION	6,900	5,000		
COMPUTER CONVERSION	2,726	0		
SERVICE/MAINTENANCE	4,000	0		
720 TOWN CLERK'S DEPARTMENT			200,871	17,841
SALARIES	148,399	12,369		
GENERAL EXPENSE/WEBSITE	44,972	5,472		
POSTAGE	1,500	0		
PRINTING	2,000	0		
TELEPHONES	4,000	0		

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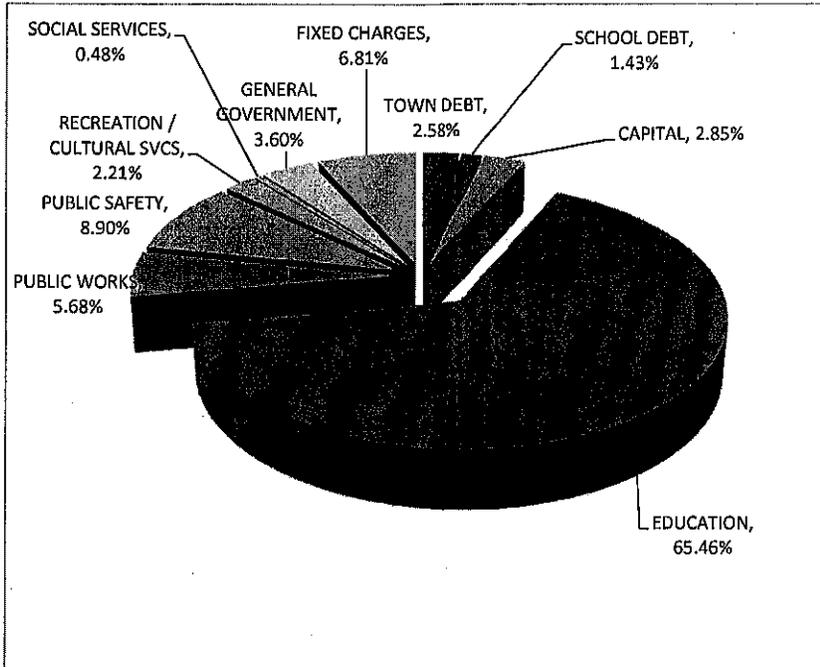
	<u>PROPOSED</u>	<u>INC/DEC</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>\$ CHANGE</u>
730 COLLECTION AND ASSESSMENT			277,660	20,671
ASSESSOR/COLLECTOR SALARIES	175,687	18,171		
ASSESSOR SUPPLIES/EXPENSE	6,420	-130		
ASSESSOR COMPUTER/GIS	6,000	0		
ASSESSOR POSTAGE	1,130	130		
ASSESSOR DATA PROCESSING	9,525	0		
ASSESSOR TELEPHONES	1,300	0		
ASSESSOR PRINTING	550	0		
BOARD OF REVIEW SALARY/EXP	1,500	0		
COLLECTOR EXPENSE	1,235	0		
COLLECTOR POSTAGE	8,010	2,500		
COLLECTOR DATA PROCESSING	11,838	0		
COLLECTOR PRINTING	4,465	0		
REVALUATION	50,000	0		
740 TOWN COUNCIL - SALARIES	14,500	0	14,500	0
750 BOARD OF CANVASSERS			21,215	9,535
BOARD OF CANVASSERS SALARIES	16,140	7,335		
SUPPLIES/EXPENSE	4,975	2,200		
TOWN MODERATOR	100	0		
760 BUILDING, ZONING & CODE ENFORCEMENT			257,196	30,054
INSPECTION DEPT. SALARIES	165,466	1,781		
SUPPLIES/EXPENSES/DUES/WILDLIFE	9,340	-359		
POSTAGE	200	0		
TELEPHONE	1,440	132		
ZONING BOARD SALARY/EXPENSE	9,725	2,600		
PLAN COMMISSION SALARY/EXPENSE	16,400	4,200		
MASTER PLAN/CODIFICATION/COMP PLAN	25,000	20,000		
CONSERVATION COMM SALARY/EXP	9,875	-5,250		
VILLAGE REVIEW COMMITTEES	3,350	400		
CODE ENFORCEMENT	5,000	0		
LAND TRUST SALARY/EXPENSE	11,400	6,550		
770 PROBATE JUDGE			3,750	0
PROBATE JUDGE SALARY	3,450	0		
PROBATE JUDGE EXPENSE	300	0		
780 LEGAL SERVICES/MANAGEMENT CONSULTANTS			314,000	-100,000
LEGAL SERVICES	200,000	-100,000		
LEGAL OPINIONS	2,000	0		
MGMT/ENGINEERING CONSULTANT	93,500	0		
POLICE CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	18,500	0		
ITEM 8 FIXED CHARGES				
810 AUDIT	44,450	9,450	44,450	9,450
820 OFFICER'S BONDS	1,660	0	1,660	0
830 SOC. SEC./BLUE CROSS/RETIREMENT/ UNEMPLOYMENT/LIFE INS/EMPLOYEE SEPARATION/SUPL POLICE PENSION			2,341,178	46,650
SOCIAL SECURITY (FICA)	208,000	16,000		
MEDICARE	48,650	3,650		
BLUE CROSS & DELTA DENTAL	875,000	17,000		
RETIREMENT SYSTEM MUNICIPAL	295,000	23,000		
RETIREMENT SYSTEM POLICE	120,000	-10,000		
UNEMPLOYMENT/SEPARATION	50,000	0		
MUNI RETIRE POLICE	15,000	15,000		
LIFE INSURANCE	21,000	7,000		
HUMAN RESOURCE COMM / SALARY ADJ	0	-25,000		
SUPL POLICE PENSION CONTRIBUTION	604,418	0		
OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS	100,000	0		
RI LEAGUE OF CITIES & TOWNS	4,110	0		
TOTAL EXPENDITURES BUDGET 2016/2017			\$ 35,078,319	\$ 564,051

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	<u>PROPOSED</u>	<u>INC/DEC</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>\$ CHANGE</u>
REVENUE ACCOUNTS				
PROPERTY TAX	27,980,901	658,713		
TAX INTEREST & FEES	78,500	12,500		
STATE AID TO EDUCATION	3,791,211	-138,586		
OTHER SCHOOL REVENUES	122,500	0		
SCHOOL APPLIED FUND BALANCE	952,000	0		
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SVCS REV	315,000	15,000		
MOTOR VEHICLE TAX PHASE OUT	68,633	-946		
GENERAL FUND REVENUE	400,752	-37,807		
STATE LIBRARY AID	93,578	-1,535		
TOWN APPLIED FUND BALANCE	257,166	-1,914		
VARIOUS FUNDS REVENUE	475,686	50,950		
MISC/STATE/FEDERAL REVENUE	325,025	0		
TELEPHONE TAX	128,192	-11,999		
HEALTH/DENTAL COPAYS	89,175	19,675		
TOTAL REVENUES BUDGET 2016/2017			\$ 35,078,319	\$ 564,051

**PROPOSED BUDGET EXPENDITURES
FISCAL YEAR 2016 - 2017**

TOWN DEBT	\$ 906,224	2.58%
SCHOOL DEBT	500,849	1.43%
CAPITAL	1,000,000	2.85%
EDUCATION	22,963,824	65.46%
PUBLIC WORKS	1,991,855	5.68%
PUBLIC SAFETY	3,122,025	8.90%
RECREATION / CULTURAL SVC	776,359	2.21%
SOCIAL SERVICES	168,810	0.48%
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	1,261,085	3.60%
FIXED CHARGES	<u>2,387,288</u>	<u>6.81%</u>
	\$35,078,319	100.0%



SCITUATE TOWN BUDGET 2016-2017
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