



Town Meeting  
Friday November 17, 2017  
7:00 P.M.  
Large Lecture Hall-CHS

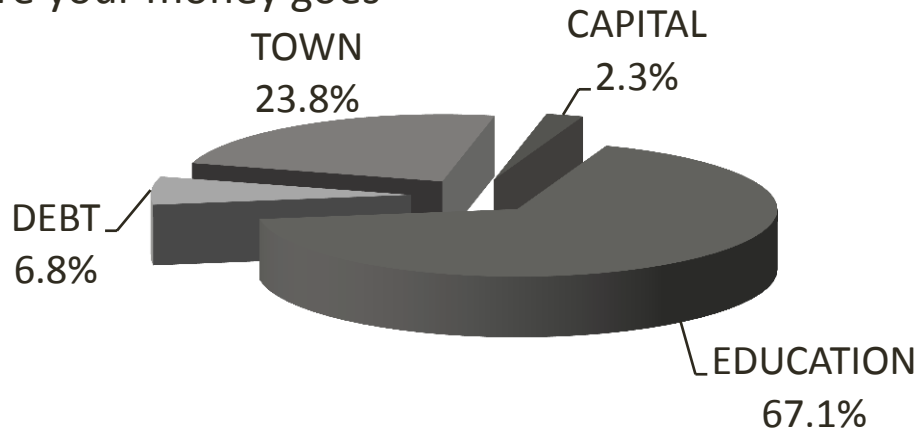
# Town of Coventry Council's Recommended Budget FY 2017-2018

Joan Lewis, Council Chair

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# Highlights of Proposed Budget

Where your money goes



***The proposed budget decreases total spending by \$236,827 or 0.6%***

- Change from Adopted FY 16/17 Budget
- Education decrease (\$96,681)
- Town decrease (\$68,126)
- Capital decrease (\$35,987)
- Debt decrease (\$36,033)
- Total change (\$236,827)

- 0.8 mil Tax Increase proposed to offset two years of State aid cuts
- Proposed Mil rate 32.0-same as billed in July: no supplemental bills
- Spending decrease of 0.6%

## **COMPARISON OF FY 2016/2017 and FY 2017/2018 BUDGETS**

### **REVENUES**

	Adopted FY 17	Requested FY18	Inc/Dec	%
Property Tax	\$29,866,751	\$30,665,263	\$798,512	2.7%
Intergovernmental	\$10,133,501	\$9,021,711	(\$1,111,790)	(11.0)
Reserves	0	0	0	0
Other Local	550,550	\$627,001	\$76,451	13.9%
Total	\$40,550,802	\$40,313,975	(\$236,827)	(.6%)

### **EXPENDITURES**

Gen. Government	\$9,680,544	\$9,612,418	(\$68,126)	(.7%)
Bd. of Education	\$27,141,365	\$27,044,684	(\$96,681)	(.4 %)
Debt Service	\$2,760,106	\$2,724,073	(\$36,033)	(1.3%)
Capital	\$968,787	\$932,800	(\$35,987)	(3.7%)
Total	\$40,550,802	\$40,313,975	(\$236,827)	(.6%)

# Council 1st adjustments

Council Reductions first round : April 2017									
<u>Budget</u>	<u>Request</u>	<u>Council</u>	<u>\$ change</u>	<u>Notes</u>					
Town	\$9,726,963	\$9,676,203	-\$50,760						
Education	\$28,415,225	\$27,181,365	-\$1,233,860	[766,588 excess cost, \$250,000 oils & insurance, 215,000 reduction]					
Debt	\$2,775,434	\$2,754,014	-\$21,420						
Capital	\$995,500	\$932,800	-\$62,700						
Teacher Retirement	\$1,357,867	\$271,573	-\$1,086,294	[assume 5 year phase in]					
	\$43,270,989	\$40,815,955	-\$2,455,034						

# Council 2<sup>nd</sup> Adjustments

The Council paused the budget until the State adopted their budget and then reduced the spending from their originally proposed budget to hold the 32 mil rate interim tax increase. This required additional reductions in the following amounts.

Town	<b>-\$63,785</b>
Debt:	<b>- \$29,941</b>
Education:	<b>-\$136,681</b>
Capital:	<b>\$0</b>
Teacher Ret.	<b><u>-\$271,573</u></b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>- \$501,980</b>

# Total Budget adjustments

- Almost \$3,000,000 in Budget adjustments:

<u>Budget</u>	<u>Request</u>	<u>Final</u>	<u>\$ change</u>
Town	\$9,726,963	\$9,612,418	-\$114,545
Education	\$28,415,225	\$27,044,684	-\$1,370,541
Debt	\$2,775,434	\$2,724,073	-\$51,361
Capital	\$995,500	\$932,800	-\$62,700
Teacher Retirement	\$1,357,867	\$0	-\$1,357,867
	\$43,270,989	\$40,313,975	-\$2,957,014

# Detail of Changes to Town Budget

	<u>FY16/17</u>	<u>FY17/18</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>\$ Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Personnel	\$ 7,029,564	\$ 6,874,098	71.5%	\$ (155,466)	-2.2%
Contractual	1,484,327	1,566,557	16.3%	82,230	5.5%
Supplies	888,436	887,611	9.2%	(825)	-0.1%
Capital	26,950	30,500	0.3%	3,550	13.2%
Utilities	251,267	253,652	2.6%	2,385	0.9%
<b>Total</b>	<u>\$ 9,680,544</u>	<u>\$ 9,612,418</u>		<u>\$ (68,126)</u>	<u>-0.7%</u>

	<u>FY16/17</u>	<u>FY17/18</u>	<u>Inc/(Dec)</u>	<u>%</u>
General Administration	\$ 1,580,067	\$ 1,611,591	\$ 31,524	2.0%
Public Safety	2,519,198	2,512,616	(6,582)	-0.3%
Public Works	2,300,771	2,357,942	57,171	2.5%
Human Services	292,434	295,285	2,851	1.0%
Civic and Cultural	553,218	572,634	19,416	3.5%
Sundry	2,434,856	2,262,350	(172,506)	-7.1%
<b>Total</b>	<u>\$ 9,680,544</u>	<u>\$ 9,612,418</u>	<u>\$ (68,126)</u>	<u>-0.7%</u>

# Where do we get our Revenue?

- **State revenues decreased by \$991,678\***
- **Property tax will bring in \$798,512 more**
- **Local revenues up by \$76,451**
- **.8 or 2.6% mil increase required = \$750,206**
- **Grand list growth of only .2 % (Foundation impacts)**
- **No use of Fund balance**

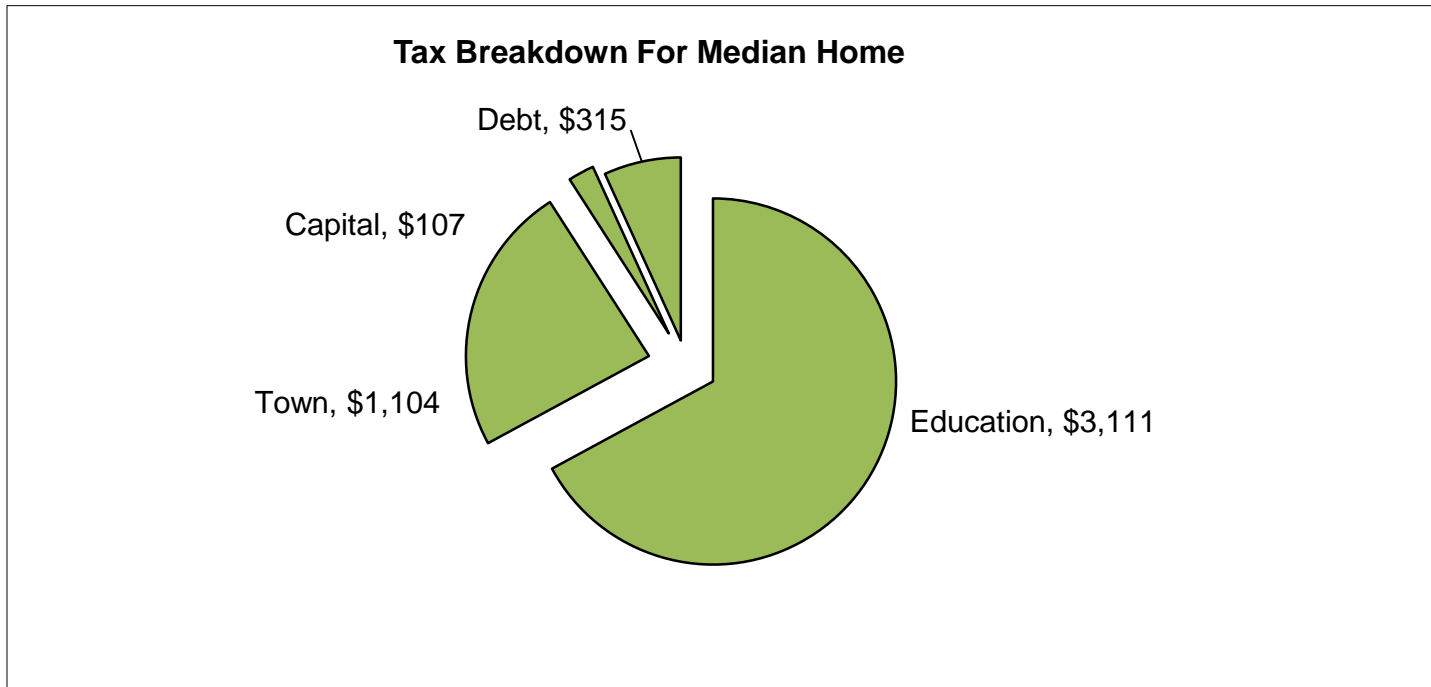
**Tax increase is less than State Revenue cuts**

**\*NOTE: The State Budget was adopted, but includes possible **mid-year** cuts.**



# Where the Money Goes

## (TAXES ON MEDIAN HOUSE)

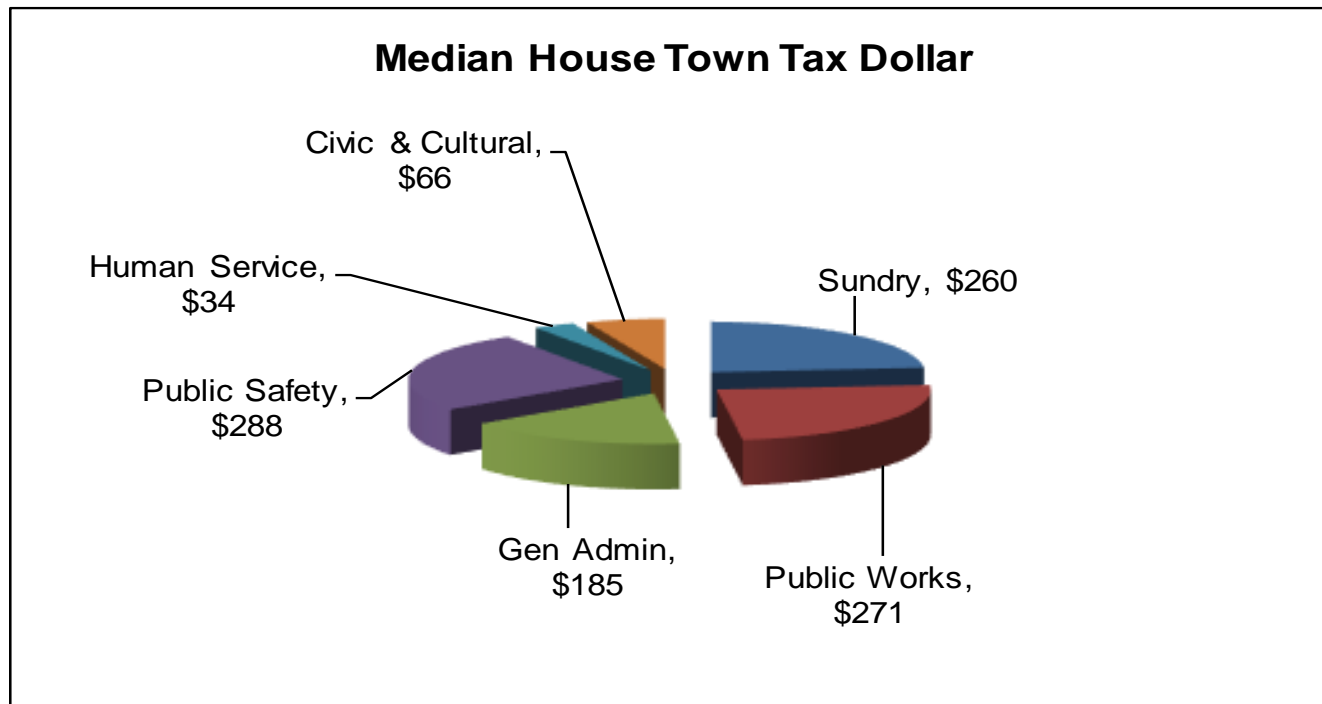


Median house assessed at \$144,900 (\$207,000 market)

Total proposed tax: \$4,637

\$116 annually: \$9.66 monthly

# Cost of Town Service on Median House



Town share of bill = \$1,104 of \$4,637 total (23.8% of total bill)

# Major Town Budget impacts

## Contractual Services

Building Maintenance/equipment repair	(\$5,110)
Software Licenses	\$16,400
IT contract	\$14,850
Workers' Comp Insurance	(3,110)
Insurance	\$2,900
Grants ( e.g. Dial a Ride)	(\$7,588)
Tree Removal	\$10,000
Fire Fighter training	\$7,000
Sergeant Exam	\$9,500

## Supplies

Gasoline and Diesel	(\$2,500)
Treated salt	\$5,000
Claims & Losses	\$10,000

## GOOD NEWS

- Pension and Health Insurance funds are strong
- COVRRRA decrease of \$5.00 per household
- No service cuts
- Grants have been strong: roads, arts, sidewalks, solar, bridges, Energy savings, Police equipment, Housing rehab., etc.
- Improvements to Parks and Buildings
- Fund Balance is at Council's Goal
- Aa2 Bond Rating affirmed: but under review due to State aid issues

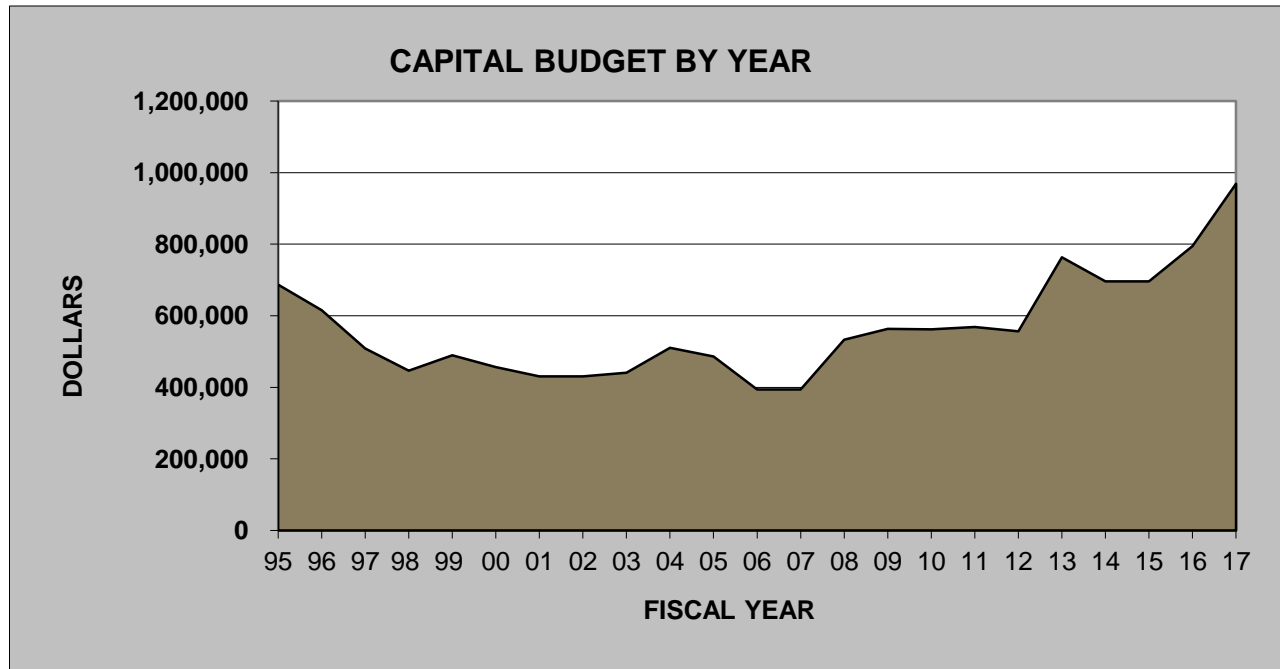
# Personnel Expense Changes

- 3 of 4 union and non union personnel agreed to a 6 month wage freeze and all employees agreed to higher premium sharing.
- Health Insurance – 7% decrease due to good experience.
- No new Town full-time employees.
- One part time senior center worker for \$10,970.
- Pension expense savings of \$59,400 while maintaining recommended funding levels.

Personnel services, which makes up 71.5% of the Town Budget, is at a decrease of \$155,466 over prior year.

# Capital Budget Highlights

- Capital budget decrease of \$35,987
- Sustainability level is \$1,000,000 (proposed is at 93.3% of target)
- Includes \$250,000 of Education projects



Note: FY 95 levels, which if adjusted for inflation, would be over \$1,000,000

# Capital Projects

## LOCIP

1	Bridges/Culverts	\$100,000
	Total	\$100,000

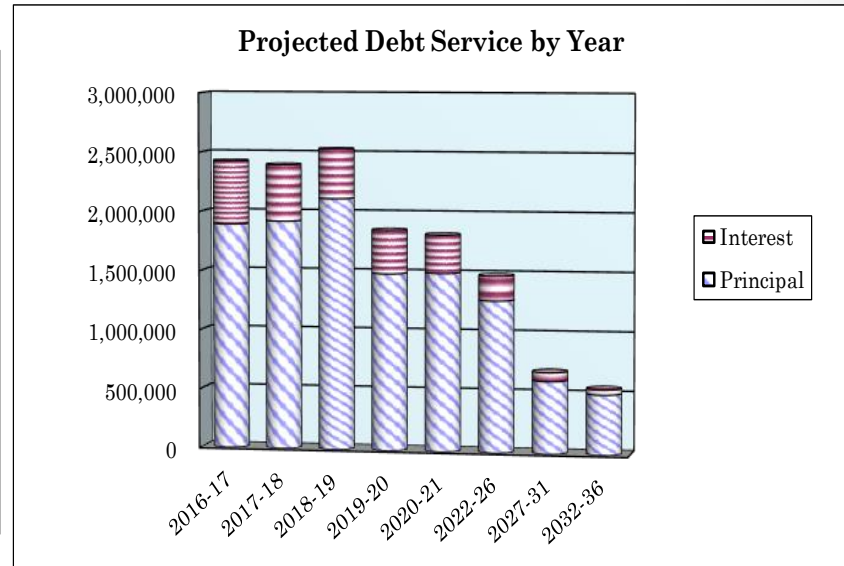
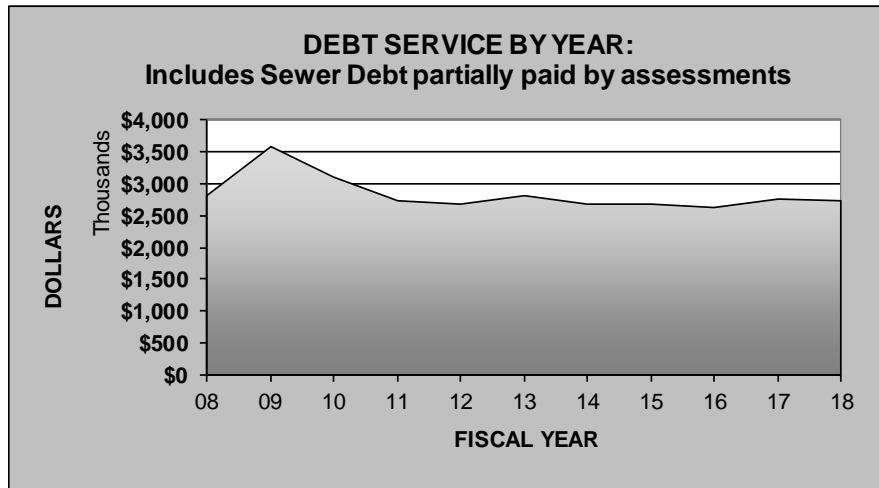
## CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

1 Summer Road Program (partial-see also Town Aid)	\$	270,000
2 School Computers		150,000
3 Town Hall Computer Upgrades		38,000
4 Classroom furniture		30,000
5 Police SUV vehicle		41,000
6 SCBA fire paks\ hose		10,000
7 Fire gear		10,000
8 Open Space Fund		25,000
9 Revaluation YR1		60,000
10 CNREF		167,300
11 Plan of C&D update-YR1		12,500
12 Police Technology-in car video replacement		37,000
13 School Kitchen equipment		20,000
14 Floor refinishing		20,000
15 School Parking lot re-sealing		30,000
16 Lake management		12,000
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 932,800</b>

## Other Funds

1.	Patriots Park improvements	P Park fund	\$5,000
2.	Tower equipment	Radio Tower fund	\$10,000
3.	N Hale Cemetery wall repair	Cemetery reserves	\$20,000
4.	Tire Changing equipment	Misc. Hwy Fund	\$13,000
5.	Fuel dispensing equipment upgrade	Misc. Hwy Fund	\$15,000
6.	Ambulance replacement	EMS fund	\$260,000
	Total		\$323,000

# Debt Service



Debt Service is 6.8% of budget: a \$ 29,941 decrease.

Budget includes two new lease purchases: one replacement engine tanker (\$350,000) & replacement Dump truck (\$198,500) both leased for 10 years for total of \$62,000. Offset by retired leases of \$24,802.

No Debt Service for the Library is included in budget. If it passes the first payment would be in FY 19/20 to take advantage of debt repayment decline.



# Budget Vote!

- **Vote: Tuesday Nov. 28th**  
6:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.

District 1: CVFA Firehouse

District 2: NCFD Firehouse

- **Absentee Ballots will be available at the Office of Town Clerk during business hours (Town Hall closed 11/23 & 11/24 for Thanksgiving)**

