



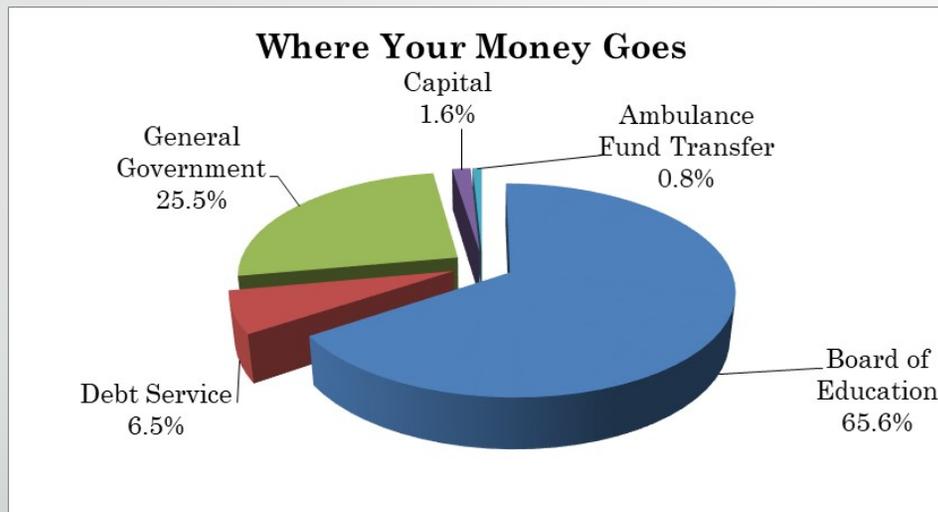
Annual Town Meeting May 25, 2022

Town of Coventry
Town Council's Proposed Budget
FY2023 - 2024

Lisa Thomas, Council Chair

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Highlights of Proposed Budget

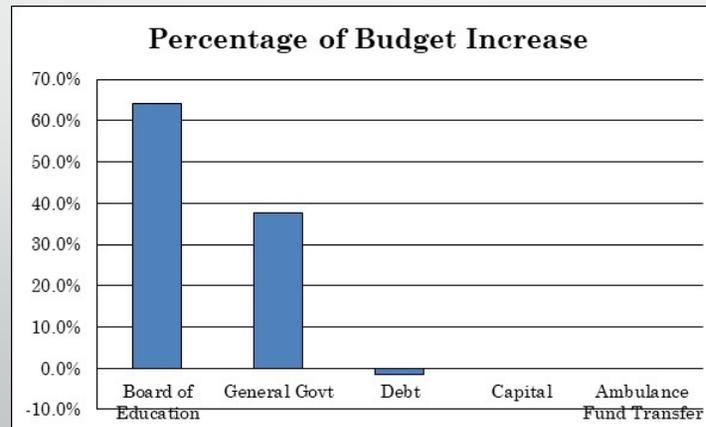


The proposed FY2024 budget increases total spending by \$1,378,045 or 3.15%.

- \$175,000 use of fund balance
- \$325,000 use of one-time ARPA funds (remaining balance)
- Includes ambulance subsidy for 24/7 staffing
- Town Council proposed budget would require a mil rate of 31.74, a 0.59 or 1.89% increase. This is a reduction from the Town Manager budget which included an increase of 1.42 mils or 4.55%.

Comparison of FY22 and FY23 Budget

Budget Area	Approved Budget FY22/23	Proposed Budget FY23/24	\$ Inc/Dec	% Change
General Government	\$ 10,973,292	\$ 11,491,730	\$ 518,438	4.72%
Board of Education	28,712,461	29,594,330	881,869	3.07%
Debt Service	2,932,192	2,909,930	(22,262)	-0.76%
Capital	723,500	723,500	-	0.00%
Ambulance Fund Transfer	362,500	362,500	-	0.00%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 43,703,945	\$ 45,081,990	\$ 1,378,045	3.15%



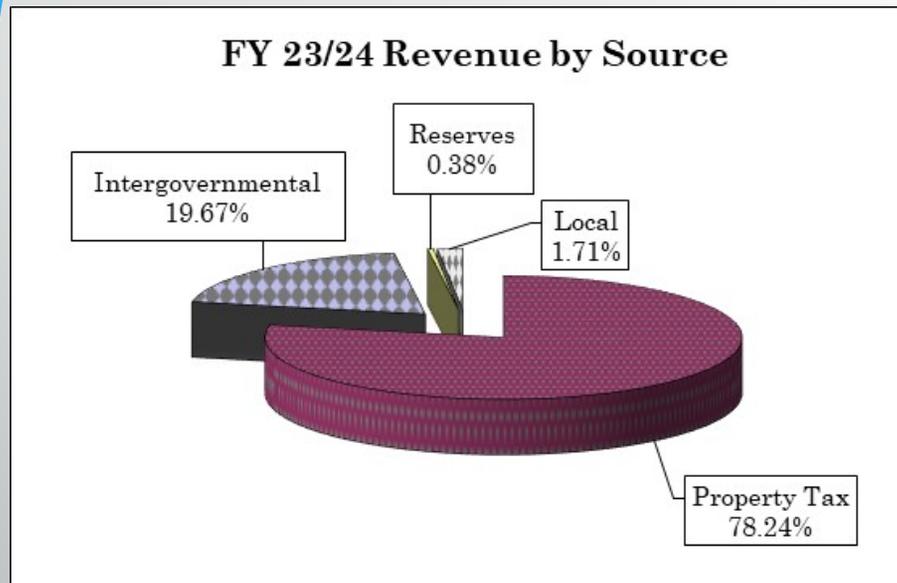
Council Adjustments from Town Manager Budget

Budget Area	Town Manager Requested Budget FY23/24	Town Council Requested Budget FY23/24	\$ Inc/Dec	% Change
General Government	\$ 11,697,230	\$ 11,491,730	\$ (205,500)	-1.76%
Board of Education	29,824,330	29,594,330	(230,000)	-0.77%
Debt Service	2,898,880	2,909,930	11,050	0.38%
Capital	820,000	723,500	(96,500)	-11.77%
Ambulance Fund Transfer	362,500	362,500	-	0.00%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 45,602,940	\$ 45,081,990	\$ (520,950)	-1.14%

Council reductions from the Town Manager proposed budget include reductions to operating budgets across all Town Departments. Funding of sick and severance was removed (\$80,000) and the Council will look to fund this in FY23. In addition, the capital budget has been reduced to the prior year level of funding.

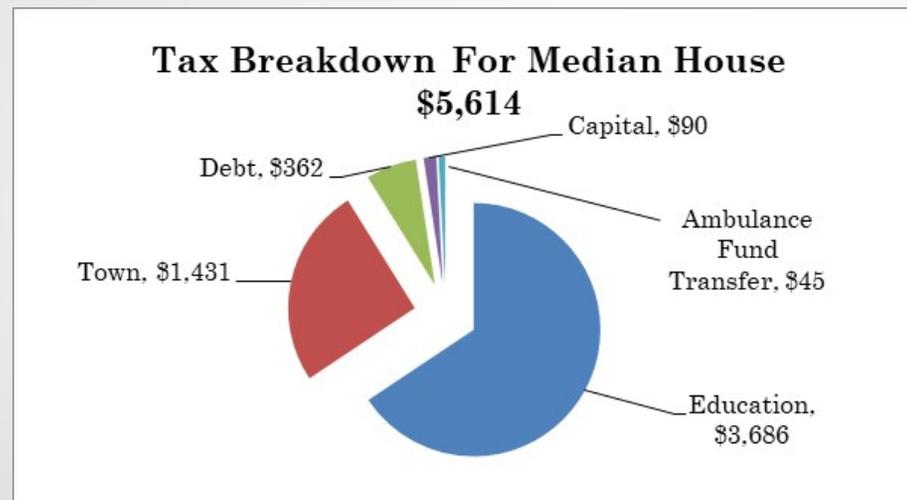
In addition, the Council authorized an additional \$200,000 in American Rescue Plan funds to be used towards the FY24 budget to help offset the increased costs to tax payers.

Where do we get our Revenue?



- State revenues based on Governor's proposed State budget. The Council has assumed Coventry will be held harmless on ECS funding.
- Grand List growth of 1.80% from prior year.
- Tax collection rate at 98.75%
- \$175,000 use of fund balance and \$3325,000 of one-time American Rescue Plan funding proposed.
- **Current proposal requires estimated mil rate of 31.74, an increase of 0.59 mil or 1.89% (lower than Town Manager budget proposal of an increase of 1.4 mil or 4.55%). SUBJECT TO COUNCIL AUTHORIZATION**

Where does your Money Go??

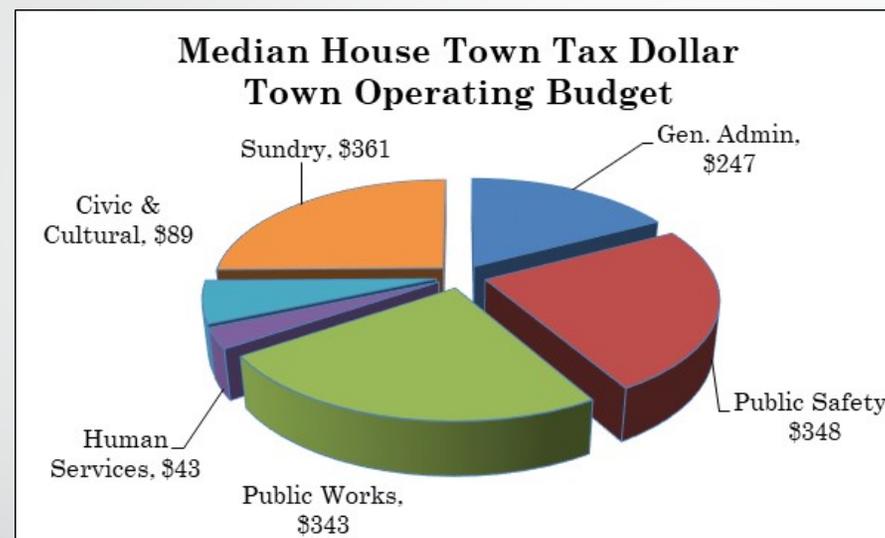


Median house assessed at \$176,890 (\$252,700 market value)

Total proposed tax per year: \$5,614

A monthly increase of \$8.70

Breakdown of Cost of Town Services



General Government represents \$1,431 of the median bill of \$5,591
(25.5% of total bill)

Details of Changes to Town Budget

Summary by
Department

	Approved Budget FY22/23	Proposed Budget FY23/24	Inc/(Dec)	%
General Administration	\$ 1,943,963	\$ 2,009,240	\$ 65,277	3.36%
Public Safety	2,684,070	2,794,360	110,290	4.11%
Public Works	2,660,473	2,753,870	93,397	3.51%
Human Services	332,186	351,975	19,789	5.96%
Civic and Cultural	693,000	723,165	30,165	4.35%
Sundry	2,659,600	2,859,120	199,520	7.50%
Total	\$ 10,973,292	\$ 11,491,730	\$ 518,438	4.72%

Summary by
Object

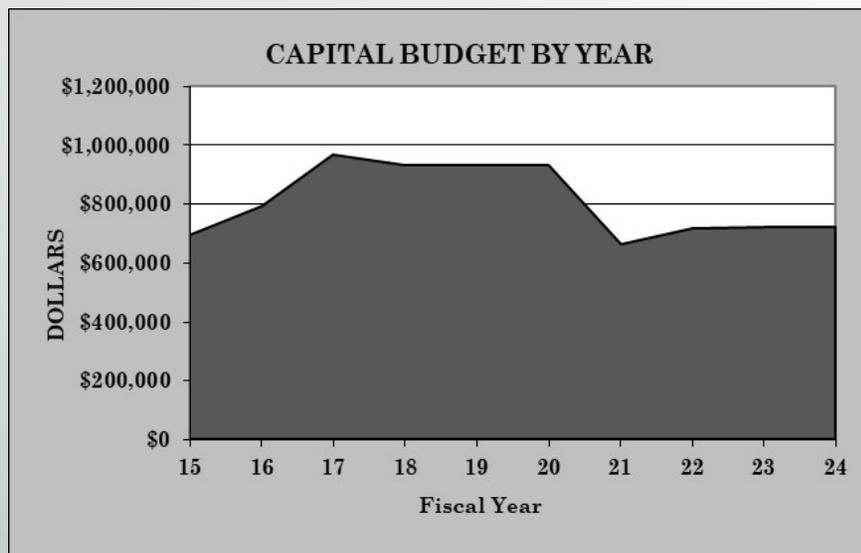
	Approved FY22/23	Proposed FY23/24	% Total	\$ Change	% Change
Personnel	\$ 8,148,973	\$ 8,652,266	75.3%	503,293	6.18%
Contractual	1,646,745	1,588,309	13.8%	(58,436)	-3.55%
Supplies	866,422	925,180	8.1%	58,758	6.78%
Capital	23,400	21,150	0.2%	(2,250)	-9.62%
Utilities	287,752	304,825	2.7%	17,073	5.93%
Total	\$ 10,973,292	\$ 11,491,730	100.0%	\$ 518,438	4.72%

Main Budget Driver: Personnel Expense Changes

- **NO INCREASE TO CURRENT STAFFING LEVELS**
- Health insurance – 9.0% premium increase due to poor experience. Employee portion of benefits will increase. (\$144,400).
- Pension expense increased by 15.0% to maintain recommended funding levels. Changes in investment return made to reflect experience. (\$76,790)
- Three of four union contracts are currently ending June 30, 2023. Conservative wage assumptions have been included in the FY24 budget.

Personnel services (wages and benefits), which makes up 75.3% of the Town Budget, is increasing \$503,293 over prior year (6.18%).

Capital Budget Highlights

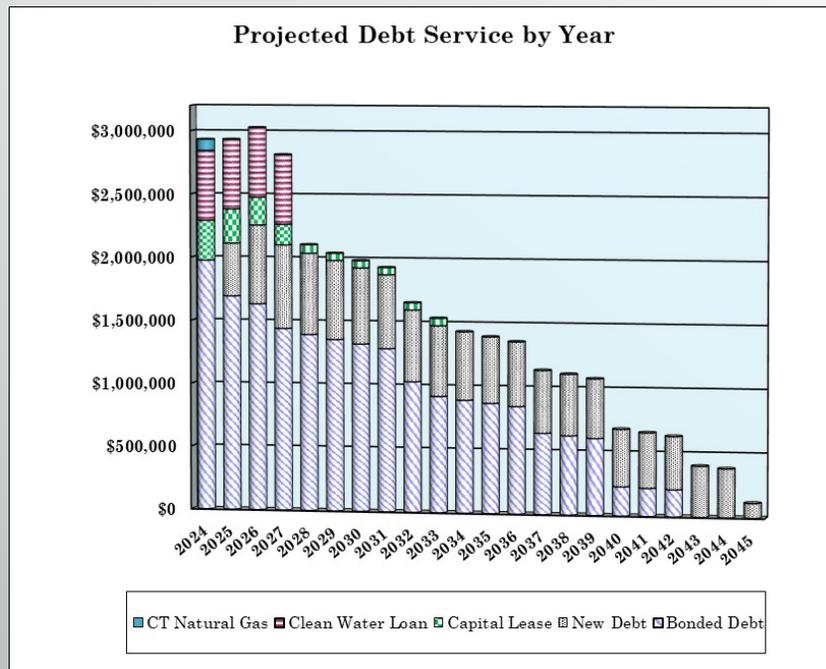


- Capital budget is a **Zero increase** from prior year.
- Sustainability level is \$1,000,000 (proposed is at 82% of target)
- In FY20 the Capital Budget was \$932,000. This proposal is still \$208,500 less than Pre-Covid spending

Capital Projects – General Fund Funded

1 Summer Road Program (partial-see also Town Aid)	\$ 290,000
2 Network refresh	45,000
3 Education Computer Upgrades	50,000
4 Classroom Furniture	25,000
5 Town Hall Computer Upgrades	44,000
6 SCBA Fire Paks	24,000
7 Fire Gear	25,000
8 Fire Hose/equipment	20,000
9 Open Space Fund	15,000
10 CNREF	15,500
11 Lake Management	75,000
12 Revaluation	65,000
13 GIS Upgrades	10,000
14 Keyless Lock/Security - DPW	20,000
TOTAL	<u>\$ 723,500</u>

Debt Service



- Debt Service is (1.6%) or \$22,262 decrease.
- Projected debt will increase over the next two years. This is due to the projected issuance of debt which was previously approved by taxpayers for:
 - Roads (\$4,865,000)
 - HVAC (\$3,500,000)
- Debt service is 6.5% of the proposed budget.

Ambulance Transfer



- Transfer Request of \$362,500 included in the FY24 budget. This is a zero increase from the prior year. To fully fund ambulance operations, the Town would need to transfer \$500,000.
- Provides 24/7 ambulance coverage to the Town
- Decrease in volunteers, limited transport reimbursement (50% Medicare and 30% Medicaid)
- Without this transfer, residents will rely on mutual aid from other Towns which can significantly impact response time

Total transfer equals **ONLY 0.80%** of the Total Budget!

Budget Vote?!



- **Vote: Tuesday May 2, 2023**

6:00 AM to 8:00 PM

District 1: Station 118 (South End Firehouse)

District 2: Station 218 (North End Firehouse)

- **Absentee Ballots will be available at the Office of the Town Clerk during business hours**

