

**Town of Newtown Legislative Council Regular Meeting  
Wednesday, April 4, 2012  
3 Primrose Street, Newtown, CT**

**PRESENT:** Jeff Capeci, Mary Ann Jacob, George Ferguson, Bob Merola, Joseph Girgasky (7:15), Paul Lundquist, Daniel Honan, Kathy Fetchick, Dan Wiedemann, Dan Amaral, Mitch Bolinsky, Phillip Carroll

**ALSO PRESENT:** First Selectman Pat Llodra, David Grogins (Town Counsel), Debbie Aurelia (Town Clerk), John Kortze (BOF Chair), Harry Waterbury (BOF), Dr. Janet Robinson, Ron Bienkowski, Debbie Leidlein (BOE Chair), John Vourus (BOE member), Keith Alexander (BOE member), Jan Andras, five member of public, three members of press

Chairman Capeci called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**VOTER COMMENT:** None noted

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Upon motion by Ms. Jacob, the minutes of the 3/7/12 meeting were unanimously approved as presented.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** None noted

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Ordinance – Ms. Jacob reported that the committee is close to finalizing the Blight Ordinance and hope to hold the public hearing in May or June.

**FIRST SELECTMAN REPORT:** No report

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Code Adoption Ordinance**

Ms. Jacob moved to refer the recommendation for Code Adoption to the Ordinance Committee. Motion seconded.

Attorney David Grogins advised that updates and corrections are needed to the Code Book. The proposal is to have it better organized, separating regulations from ordinances, updating new or newly amended ordinances, and correct any obvious non-substantive errors. Ms. Aurelia advised that the proposed procedure to assure updates will be that changes be e-mailed to her which she will forward to General Code, where they will be posted within 48 hours to the left hand column of the website until they are codified – twice per year.

The Ordinance Committee will hold a public hearing and then bring this back to the full Council for adoption.

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

### **Fairfield Hills Authority Ordinance with Regard to Possible Development of Woodbury Hall**

Ms. Jacob advised that the previous Council had amended the Fairfield Hills Authority Ordinance to address any possible loophole that allows for "negative leases", meaning a lease that causes the Town to spend money without going through the proper appropriation procedures. Ms. Llodra stated that she wants to have public discussion at the beginning of the process for Woodbury Hall to be certain that any questions are addressed.

### **Town of Newtown 2012-2013 Budget**

Ms. Jacob moved to adopt the FY 2012-2013 Annual Budget in the amount of \$107,806,523 and to allow the Finance Director to make any necessary adjustments to numbers which will be reported back to the Legislative Council. Motion seconded.

John Kortze, BOF Chairman, distributed a summary of the major points addressed by the Board of Finance (attached). In the past, we have withdrawn funds from the Fund Balance to offset taxes but that is not being proposed this year. Rather, we are budgeting \$400,000 to our "savings account". One point of focus for the BOF is enrollment trends and the fact that education costs continue to increase while student numbers decrease.

#### Recommendations of committees:

Administration/Finance Committee – Mr. Ferguson reported that the committee voted 5-1 to recommend the proposed budget for adoption by the Council. The dissenting member feels that any increase in this economic climate is too high.

Municipal/Operations Committee – Mr. Merola reported that this committee voted unanimously to recommend the adoption.

Education – Ms. Fetchick reported that the committee voted 4-2 to recommend adoption. She commended the BOE for their efforts in reducing the request by \$1.5 million before sending it on to the BOF.

Mr. Merola moved to amend the motion by reducing the budget \$400,000. Motion seconded. Amendment FAILED: 9 NO (Ferguson, Bolinsky, Girgasky, Lundquist, Fetchick, Jacob, Capeci, Carroll, Honan) – 3 YES (Merola, Amaral, Wiedemann)

MAIN MOTION CARRIED: 7 YES (Bolinsky, Lundquist, Fetchick, Jacob, Capeci, Carroll, Honan) – 5 NO (Ferguson, Girgasky, Merola, Amaral, Wiedemann)

#### **Transfer**

Ms. Jacob moved to transfer \$45,000 FROM 01570-2000 Contingency TO 01320-4002 F/F Incentive Plan. Motion seconded and unanimously carried.

**VOTER COMMENT:** None noted

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** The budget referendum is on 4/24/12.

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jan Andras". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jan Andras, Clerk

Attachment: Board of Finance Report on Budget Proposal

*These are draft minutes and as such are subject to correction by the Legislative Council at the next regular meeting. All corrections will be determined in minutes of the meeting at which they were corrected.*

Summary of Revenues

- Tax increase off set by grand list growth.
- \$400,000 was added to taxes to increase fund balance.

2) Detail of Revenues

- Intergovernmental revenues decreased mainly due to loss of education jobs grant.

3) Detail of Revenues –continued-

4) Property Tax Detail

- Total expenditure budget amount (minus) total all other revenue sources = current year tax amount. Add \$400,000 to increase unassigned fund balance ( a budgeted surplus is created)

5) Summary of Expenditures

6) Detail of Expenditures

7) Detail of Expenditures –continued-

8) Detail of Expenditures –continued-

- BOS = 1.24%; BOE = 2.04%; TOTAL BUDGET = 1.75%

9) Capital Nonrecurring Transfer Amount

10) Capital Nonrecurring Transfer Amount –continued-

- Town pooled vehicle replacement program.

11) Mill Rate Calculation

12) Board of Finance Adjustments

13) Justification for BOE adjustment

# ANNUAL BUDGET 2012 - 2013

## FISCAL POLICY & TRENDS

### SUMMARY OF REVENUES

REVENUE TYPE	2011 - 2012		2012 - 2013		Increase / (Decrease)	Percent Change
	ADOPTED BUDGET		ADOPTED BUDGET			
PROPERTY TAXES	95,112,424		97,808,590		2,696,166	2.83%
INTERGOVERNMENTAL	7,976,701		7,572,970		(403,731)	-5.06%
CHARGES FOR SERVICES	1,919,600		1,948,613		29,013	1.51%
INVESTMENT INCOME	300,000		250,000		(50,000)	-16.67%
OTHER REVENUES	124,350		104,350		(20,000)	-16.08%
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	122,000		122,000		-	0.00%
<b>TOTAL REVENUES &amp; OTHER RESOURCES</b>	<b>105,555,075</b>		<b>107,806,523</b>		<b>2,251,448</b>	<b>2.13%</b>

Recommended tax increase = 2.34%. Difference is the growth in the grand list (0.66%)

### Property Taxes

Approximately 89% of the general fund budget is financed by current year property tax revenue. This is up from 85% experienced in the 2006-2007 budget. The increasing role of property taxes in funding the general budget is due to reductions in "other" revenue. Intergovernmental revenues (mainly revenues from the State) have been gradually decreasing, as have 'local' revenues tied to the economy, such as town clerk conveyance fees; building permit fees and interest from investments. See the following graph: the closer the two lines come, the higher the percent of current year taxes to total revenues.

Increases in property tax revenue are created by the growth in the Town's taxable grand list (taxable property) and increases to the tax rate (mill rate). The successful collection of current year property taxes is important in determining property tax revenues. The Town historically collects over 99% of the current year taxes levied. The Town has assumed a 99.1% collection rate, for current taxes, for fiscal year 2012-2013. A one-tenth change in the collection rate estimate equates to \$100,000 (rounded) in tax revenue (see page 48 for the calculation of the mill rate).

The Board of Finance has added \$400,000 to current taxes to create a budgeted surplus of \$400,000 which will increase the unassigned general fund balance by the same amount. This was done in order to get the unassigned fund balance to 8% of total budget which is the minimum balance required per the Town's fund balance policy. Per the last Moody's rating report "...the Town's ability to stabilize its reserve position at levels consistent with its current rating category will be an important consideration in future rating reviews..."

Recommended total appropriations (expenditures) = \$107,406,523; estimated revenues = \$107,806,523; budgeted surplus = \$400,000 (to increase fund balance)

# ANNUAL BUDGET 2012 - 2013

## REVENUE BUDGET DETAIL

REVENUE TYPE / ACCOUNT	2009 - 2010		2010 - 2011		2011 - 2012		2011 - 2012		2012 - 2013	
	ACTUAL		ACTUAL		ADOPTED BUDGET	AMENDED BUDGET	ESTIMATED ACTUAL	REVENUE ESTIMATES		
<b>PROPERTY TAXES</b>										
CURRENT YEAR TAXES	89,135,296		91,587,482		93,452,078	93,452,078	93,452,078	96,298,244		
PRIOR YEAR TAXES	483,708		251,979		550,000	550,000	400,000	400,000		
INTEREST AND LIEN FEES	420,492		423,587		425,000	425,000	425,000	425,000		
MOTOR VEHICLE TAXES	444,541		507,032		600,000	600,000	600,000	600,000		
TELECOMM. PROPERTY TAX	104,807		85,169		85,346	85,346	85,346	85,346		
	90,588,844		92,855,249		95,112,424	95,112,424	94,962,424	97,808,590		
<b>INTERGOVERNMENTAL</b>										
ELD. TAX RELIEF - CIRCUIT BR.	122,290		131,383		140,000	140,000	140,245	140,245		
IN LIEU OF TAX-ST OWNED PROP	968,667		912,401		887,741	887,741	888,105	886,692		
VETERANS ADD'L EXEM	10,450		11,664		11,664	11,664	12,832	12,832		
TOTALLY DISABLED	1,757		1,872		1,872	1,872	1,790	1,790		
IN LIEU OF BOAT TAXES	4,605		7,274		-	-	-	-		
TOWN AID FOR ROADS	-		234,101		234,339	234,339	234,239	234,239		
MANUFACTUR - MACHIN/EQUIP	263,553		192,643		192,643	192,643	192,643	192,643		
MASHANTUCKET PEQUOT	673,719		684,286		630,760	630,760	710,966	688,160		
CT SCHOOL BUILDING GRANTS	938,449		863,513		819,636	819,636	819,636	630,688		
MISCELLANEOUS STATE GRANTS	35,829		45,107		251,988	251,988	300,000	-		
LOCIP GRANTS	202,348		198,000		191,605	191,605	204,621	204,621		
STATE REVENUE SHARING	-		-		197,670	197,670	125,000	125,000		
EDUCATION COST SHARING GRANT	3,676,107		3,717,626		4,309,646	4,309,646	4,309,646	4,338,374		
PUBLIC SCHOOL TRANSPORT	100,004		145,965		81,383	81,383	148,685	87,634		
NON-PUB SCHOOL TRANSPORT	20,740		15,035		16,473	16,473	17,934	19,986		
HEALTH SERVICES - ST. ROSE	13,580		9,279		9,281	9,281	10,066	10,066		
	7,032,098		7,170,149		7,976,701	7,976,701	8,116,408	7,572,970		

Education grant

**ANNUAL BUDGET 2012 - 2013**

**REVENUE BUDGET DETAIL (-CONTINUED-)**

REVENUE TYPE / ACCOUNT	2009 - 2010	2010 - 2011	2011 - 2012	2011 - 2012	2011 - 2012	2011 - 2012	2012 - 2013
	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ADOPTED BUDGET	AMENDED BUDGET	ESTIMATED ACTUAL	REVENUE ESTIMATES	
<u>CHARGES FOR SERVICES</u>							
SENIOR CTR MEMBER FEES	1,339	5,268	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000
TOWN CLERK CONVEYANCE	357,573	380,876	409,687	409,687	350,000	400,000	400,000
TOWN CLERK - OTHER	211,838	246,747	275,000	275,000	250,000	275,000	275,000
POLICE PRIVATE DUTY	119,190	-	-	-	-	-	-
POLICE RECRUITMENT	-	5,025	-	-	-	-	-
PARKS AND RECREATION	223,287	176,669	220,000	220,000	190,000	190,000	190,000
TUITION	14,406	12,800	9,600	9,600	9,600	9,600	9,600
SCHOOL ACTIVITY FEES	124,531	113,133	121,313	121,313	121,313	113,763	113,763
BUILDING	287,684	441,540	375,000	375,000	485,000	485,000	485,000
PERMIT FEES	9,500	975	5,000	5,000	1,250	1,250	1,250
LANDFILL PERMITS	391,578	435,416	425,000	425,000	430,000	425,000	425,000
LAND USE	68,850	50,654	75,000	75,000	45,000	45,000	45,000
	1,809,776	1,869,103	1,919,600	1,919,600	1,886,163	1,948,613	1,948,613
<u>INVESTMENT INCOME</u>							
INTEREST ON INVESTMENTS	366,060	292,602	300,000	300,000	200,000	250,000	250,000
<u>OTHER REVENUES</u>							
POLICE MISC REVENUE	3,215	3,385	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	95,395	130,287	120,000	120,000	415,000	100,000	100,000
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE BOE	693	20,553	1,350	1,350	3,722	1,350	1,350
	99,303	154,225	124,350	124,350	421,722	104,350	104,350
<u>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</u>							
TRANSFER IN	-	124,177	122,000	122,000	125,000	122,000	122,000
<b>TOTAL REVENUES &amp; OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</b>	<b>99,896,081</b>	<b>102,465,505</b>	<b>105,555,075</b>	<b>105,555,075</b>	<b>105,711,717</b>	<b>107,806,523</b>	<b>107,806,523</b>

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## ANNUAL BUDGET 2012 – 2013

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### REVENUE ACCOUNT DETAIL

#### PROPERTY TAXES

**Current Year Taxes:** Current year taxes equal the total expenditure budget less all other resources (revenues):

Total expenditure budget = \$107,406,523

Total all other resources = \$ 11,508,279

Current year taxes = \$ 95,898,244 + \$ 400,000 (to increase unassigned fund balance) = \$96,298,244

**Prior Year Taxes:** Prior year taxes represent collections of delinquent taxes from prior years. Amount estimated (budgeted) is based on collection experience and a review of major delinquent accounts.

**Interest and Lien Fees:** Interest and lien fees on delinquent taxes. Estimate is based on collection experience.

**Motor Vehicle Taxes:** This account reflects supplemental motor vehicle tax collections. All motor vehicles registered after October 1<sup>st</sup> is billed in January (as opposed to the prior July if the motor vehicle was registered before October 1<sup>st</sup>). Estimates are arrived by using prior years experience and the condition of the economy (motor vehicle sales).

**Telecommunication Property Taxes:** Connecticut General Statutes allow telecommunications services companies to have their personal property assessed by the State, rather than the Assessor of the town in which it is located. These companies issue personal property tax payments directly to municipalities. Estimates are based on prior year's experience. The State does not inform the Town the amount till after the budget is approved.

**Elderly Tax Relief – Circuit Breaker** Municipalities are reimbursed for the revenue loss incurred as a result of granting real property tax credits to the elderly and totally disabled. State law provides a property tax credit program for Connecticut owners in residence of real property, who are elderly (65 and over) or totally disabled, and whose annual incomes do not exceed certain limits. An estimate is received from the Assessor.



# ANNUAL BUDGET 2012 - 2013

## FISCAL POLICY & TRENDS

	2012 - 2013		Percent Change
	2011 - 2012 ADOPTED	BOF RECOMMENDED	
<b>MUNICIPAL SERVICES</b>			
WAGES & SALARIES	10,625,792	10,856,149	2.17%
FRINGE BENEFITS	4,753,224	4,311,058	-9.30%
INSURANCE	974,911	974,911	0.00%
OPERATING EXPENSES	7,484,395	7,488,308	0.05%
CAPITAL	1,781,019	1,817,036	2.02%
CONTINGENCY	400,000	350,000	-12.50%
CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUTSIDE AGENCIES:			
TOWN AGENCIES	1,749,461	2,090,941	19.52%
OTHER AGENCIES	92,453	92,537	0.09%
<b>TOTAL MUNICIPAL SERVICES</b>	<b>27,861,255</b>	<b>27,980,940</b>	<b>0.43%</b>
<b>BOARD OF EDUCATION</b>	<b>67,971,427</b>	<b>69,355,794</b>	<b>2.04%</b>
<b>CAPITAL FINANCING - DEBT SERVICE</b>	<b>9,722,393</b>	<b>10,069,789</b>	<b>3.57%</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>105,555,075</b>	<b>107,406,523</b>	<b>1.75%</b>

Salary & step increases.

Fringe benefits are off set by town agency fringe benefits. Net, fringe benefits decreased by 100K

**EXPENDITURE BUDGET SUMMARY**

**ANNUAL BUDGET 2012 - 2013**

	<b>SUMMARY BY FUNCTION AND DEPARTMENT</b>									
	<b>2012 - 2013 BUDGET</b>									
	2009 - 2010	2010 - 2011	2011 - 2012	2011 - 2012	2011 - 2012	1st SELECTMAN	BOS	BOF	LC	ADOPTED
ACTUALS	ACTUALS	ADOPTED	AMENDED	ESTIMATED	PROPOSED	PROPOSED	RECOMMENDED			
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>										
SELECTMEN	476,171	475,907	369,533	353,434	353,434	329,358	329,358	329,358	329,358	327,879
SELECTMEN - OTHER	244,782	254,608	291,505	292,957	271,057	237,975	237,975	237,975	237,975	237,975
HUMAN RESOURCES	-	-	-	122,663	114,163	111,902	111,902	111,902	111,902	110,739
TAX COLLECTOR	188,005	190,472	190,865	296,522	296,522	309,105	309,105	309,105	309,105	303,164
PROBATE COURT	3,408	3,999	6,860	6,860	6,860	6,860	6,860	6,860	6,860	6,860
TOWN CLERK	212,971	213,064	214,138	296,558	294,330	289,490	289,490	289,490	289,490	285,034
REGISTRARS	120,413	141,410	114,389	120,904	118,904	125,285	125,285	125,285	125,285	125,285
ASSESSOR	210,224	225,321	203,969	292,629	276,629	236,348	236,348	236,347	236,347	233,105
FINANCE	325,514	331,815	333,374	467,280	467,280	473,178	473,178	473,178	473,178	467,249
TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT	248,549	282,847	313,182	381,028	381,028	455,927	455,927	455,927	455,927	452,123
UNEMPLOYMENT	817,512	830,605	827,972	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
PENSION FUND	572,750	807,279	854,389	2,684	2,684	-	-	-	-	-
OPEB CONTRIBUTION	3,003,657	3,215,941	3,014,355	162,146	162,146	162,033	162,033	162,033	162,033	157,581
PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS	36,112	36,112	36,112	36,112	36,112	36,454	36,454	36,454	36,454	36,454
INSURANCE	926,523	936,044	974,911	974,911	938,664	974,911	974,911	974,911	974,911	974,911
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL	43,011	43,010	44,700	44,700	44,500	44,500	44,500	44,500	44,500	44,500
DISTRICT CONTRIBUTIONS	-	500	1,500	1,500	1,500	4,500	4,500	4,500	4,500	4,500
ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	116,153	116,059	116,315	129,160	129,160	141,103	141,103	141,103	141,103	141,103
SUSTAINABLE ENERGY COMM	-	-	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
FAIRFIELD HILLS AUTHORITY	409,653	305,477	240,216	156,786	156,786	64,007	64,007	64,007	64,007	64,007
	7,955,407	8,410,469	8,153,285	4,158,834	4,071,759	4,022,935	4,022,935	4,022,935	4,022,935	3,992,469

# ANNUAL BUDGET 2012 - 2013

	<u>SUMMARY BY FUNCTION AND DEPARTMENT</u>										
	2009 - 2010		2010 - 2011		2011 - 2012		2011 - 2012		2012 - 2013 BUDGET		LC
	ACTUALS	ACTUALS	ADOPTED	AMENDED	ESTIMATED	PROPOSED	BOS	PROPOSED	RECOMMENDED	BOF	
<b><u>PUBLIC SAFETY</u></b>											
EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS	794,705	796,882	864,116	1,032,751	1,032,751	1,032,751	1,032,751	1,056,912	1,056,912	1,049,250	-
POLICE	3,901,163	3,952,601	4,006,451	5,758,819	5,758,819	5,758,819	5,758,819	5,931,470	5,931,470	5,872,357	-
CANINE CONTROL	136,370	98,404	112,034	151,775	137,081	137,081	137,081	154,289	154,289	152,223	-
FIRE	1,116,494	1,123,540	1,179,018	1,222,279	1,222,279	1,222,279	1,222,279	1,214,806	1,214,806	1,213,024	-
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT/N.U.S.A.R.	33,609	36,333	40,130	57,876	53,876	53,876	53,876	51,267	51,267	51,267	-
LAKE AUTHORITIES	49,097	49,077	56,110	56,110	56,110	56,110	56,110	49,708	49,708	49,708	-
N.W. SAFETY COMMUNICATION	10,294	9,783	9,783	9,783	9,783	9,783	9,783	9,783	9,783	9,783	-
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES	260,000	260,000	270,000	270,000	270,000	270,000	270,000	270,000	270,000	270,000	-
NW CONNECTICUT EMS COUNCIL	250	250	250	250	250	250	250	250	250	250	-
	6,301,981	6,326,869	6,537,892	8,559,643	8,540,949	8,540,949	8,540,949	8,738,485	8,738,484	8,667,861	-
<b><u>PUBLIC WORKS</u></b>											
BUILDING DEPARTMENT	291,523	235,318	259,002	389,515	388,515	388,515	388,515	397,257	397,257	390,057	-
HIGHWAY	4,531,544	4,974,801	5,090,436	5,988,066	5,875,783	5,875,783	5,875,783	6,022,894	6,022,894	6,027,071	-
WINTER MAINTENANCE	714,415	804,750	700,000	700,000	700,000	700,000	700,000	707,637	707,637	707,637	-
LANDFILL	1,357,373	1,374,426	1,399,013	1,474,892	1,467,892	1,467,892	1,467,892	1,495,894	1,495,894	1,492,962	-
PUBLIC BUILDING MAINTENANCE	733,715	609,899	601,344	663,635	663,635	663,635	663,635	687,473	687,474	684,220	-
CAR POOL	5,000	5,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	7,633,570	8,004,195	8,049,795	9,216,109	9,095,826	9,095,826	9,095,826	9,311,155	9,311,156	9,301,947	-
<b><u>HEALTH AND WELFARE</u></b>											
SOCIAL SERVICES	83,950	84,828	86,100	131,229	131,229	131,229	131,229	137,773	137,773	135,099	-
SENIOR SERVICES	279,385	269,528	281,822	329,154	322,811	322,811	322,811	331,311	331,311	328,889	-
NEWTOWN HEALTH DISTRICT	257,932	264,618	264,449	374,843	374,843	374,843	374,843	386,500	386,500	379,024	-
NEWTOWN YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES	256,500	265,600	265,600	314,559	314,559	314,559	314,559	296,977	296,977	294,771	-
CHILDREN'S ADVENTURE CENTER	30,000	25,000	25,000	140,197	140,197	140,197	140,197	149,808	149,808	141,977	-
TICK ACTION COMM	3,575	2,281	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
OUTSIDE AGENCY CONTRIBUTIONS	100,057	99,191	92,453	92,453	92,453	92,453	92,453	92,537	92,537	92,537	-
	1,011,399	1,011,046	1,015,424	1,382,435	1,376,092	1,376,092	1,376,092	1,394,905	1,394,906	1,372,297	-

# ANNUAL BUDGET 2012 - 2013

	2009 - 2010		2010 - 2011		2011 - 2012		2011 - 2012		2012 - 2013 BUDGET		LC
	ACTUALS	ACTUALS	ACTUALS	ADOPTED	AMENDED	ESTIMATED	PROPOSED	BOS	BOF	ADOPTED	
<b>LAND USE</b>											
NW CONSERVATION DISTRICT	543,973	465,629	467,461	587,432	572,278	586,320	586,320	586,320	586,320	586,320	586,320
	500	500	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,040	1,040	1,040	1,040	1,040	1,040
	544,473	466,129	468,461	588,432	573,278	587,360	587,360	587,360	587,360	587,360	581,631
<b>RECREATION &amp; LEISURE</b>											
PARKS AND RECREATION	1,679,132	1,746,859	1,815,296	2,196,550	2,162,219	2,195,469	2,195,469	2,195,469	2,195,469	2,195,469	2,192,926
LIBRARY	1,007,953	1,011,562	1,022,552	1,048,745	1,048,745	1,062,858	1,062,858	1,062,858	1,062,858	1,062,858	1,062,858
NEWTOWN CULTURAL ARTS COMM	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
NEWTOWN PARADE COMMITTEE	1,375	961	6,550	6,550	6,550	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
	2,690,459	2,761,382	2,846,398	3,253,845	3,219,514	3,261,828	3,261,828	3,261,827	3,259,284	3,259,284	-
<b>CONTINGENCY</b>											
CONTINGENCY	-	-	400,000	254,852	150,000	350,000	350,000	350,000	350,000	350,000	350,000
<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>											
DEBT SERVICE	9,755,127	9,290,175	9,722,393	9,722,393	9,347,147	10,223,931	10,152,281	10,152,281	10,069,789	10,069,789	-
<b>OTHER FINANCING USES</b>											
TOWN HALL BOARD OF MANAGERS	190,000	170,000	165,000	222,105	222,105	209,404	209,404	209,404	205,451	205,451	-
RESERVE FOR CAP & NON-REC.EXP.	-	-	225,000	225,000	225,000	225,000	225,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	-
TRANSFER OUT - CAP PROJECT	111,060	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	301,060	170,000	390,000	447,105	447,105	434,404	459,404	459,404	455,451	455,451	-
<b>TOTAL BOARD OF SELECTMEN BUDGET</b>	36,193,477	36,440,265	37,583,648	37,583,648	36,821,670	38,325,003	38,278,353	38,050,729	38,050,729	38,050,729	-
<b>EDUCATION</b>											
BOARD OF EDUCATION	65,544,331	66,521,228	67,971,427	67,971,427	67,971,427	71,579,456	70,055,794	70,055,794	69,355,794	69,355,794	-
	101,737,807	102,961,493	105,555,075	105,555,075	104,793,097	109,904,459	108,334,147	107,406,523	107,406,523	107,406,523	-
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>											

1.24%  
2.04%  
1.75%

Notice total revenue budget amount on page 50 is \$400,000 more than the total expenditure budget amount. This creates a budgeted surplus which will increase fund balance. See 3rd paragraph on page 28.

**ANNUAL BUDGET 2012 - 2013**

**DEPARTMENT: RESERVE FOR CAPITAL NONRECURRING**

**MISSION/DESCRIPTION**

This account dedicates a portion of the Town's operating budget for capital purposes (around a quarter of one percent of the budget is a standard benchmark). This provides financial flexibility and reduces long term financing of capital items. The amount budgeted in this account is transferred to the Capital Non Recurring Fund. The Capital Non Recurring Fund is a multiyear fund where funding can accumulate enabling the Town to acquire larger capital assets on a pay-as-you-go basis. This capital asset financing decision is typically done during the Capital Improvement Plan budgeting process or it can be made in the regular budget process. During midyear, if a capital asset needs replacing, the Town can have the financial flexibility to acquire the asset thru the Capital Non Recurring Fund (if funds are available).

**BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS**

From time to time the Town has appropriated an amount for transfer to the Capital Non Recurring Fund. Before fiscal year 2011-2012 the last time was \$300,000 in fiscal year 2007-2008. Best practices state that funding should be done on a consistent basis. It is expected that in certain budget years funding may not be available which is accepted as long as the Town goes back to steady funding. The last few years were one of those years, due to the economic climate. A decision was made in 2011-2012 to start funding the Capital Non Recurring Fund again. \$225,000 was appropriated. \$250,000 has been requested this year by the BOS.

\$100,000 has been put in to partially fund the 2012 grand list revaluation (adding to the \$100,000 contributed last year).

\$125,000 has been included for other capital items that have been identified in the CIP process (adding to the \$125,000 contributed last year).

\$25,000 has been included to start funding a town pooled vehicle acquisition program.

**RESERVE FOR CAPITAL NON RECURRING BUDGET**

RESERVE FOR CAP & NON-REC.EXP.	2009 - 2010		2010 - 2011		2011 - 2012		2011 - 2012		2011 - 2012		2012 - 2013 BUDGET		LC
	ACTUALS	ACTUALS	ACTUALS	ADOPTED	AMENDED	ESTIMATED	1st SELECTMAN PROPOSED	BOS PROPOSED	RECOMMENDED	ADOPTED			
RESERVE CAP & NON RECURRING	-	-	-	225,000	225,000	225,000	225,000	225,000	250,000	250,000	250,000		

**ANNUAL BUDGET 2012 – 2013**

**DEPARTMENT: RESERVE FOR CAPITAL NONRECURRING**

**ACCOUNT DETAIL**

**Reserve Cap & Non Recurring:** The requested \$250,000 comprises the following:

**October 1, 2012 Assessment Revaluation.** The Town of Newtown is required by state statute to perform a revaluation for the October 1st 2012 grand list. We expect the cost of this revaluation to be much less than the last one that performed for the October 1st 2007 grand list. I estimate the cost of this revaluation to be in the \$300,000 to \$350,000 range. The last revaluation in town was a full measure and list, this revaluation does not require staff to knock on doors it just requires assessments to be changed. Chris Kelsey CCMA II.

2011-2012 appropriation	\$100,000
<b>2012-2013 request</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>
Amount available in cap & non recurring	\$100,000 to \$150,000

**Public Works Sweeper Replacement.** The current sweeper is a 2006 Elgin with 6,230 hours and 215,050 miles. Funding is requested over four years.

2011-2012 appropriation	\$50,000
<b>2012-2013 request</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>
2013-2014 planned	\$80,000
2014-2015 planned	<u>\$90,000</u>
	\$270,000

**Fire Equipment.** The planned replacement of fire tankers. (2) in 2015-16 and (2) in 2016-17.

2011-2012 appropriation	\$75,000
<b>2012-2013 request</b>	<b>\$75,000</b>
2013-2014 planned	\$75,000
2014-2015 planned	\$75,000
2015-2016 planned	\$75,000
2016-2017 planned	<u>\$100,000</u>
	\$475,000

**Town Pooled Vehicle Replacement Program** Added by the Board of Selectmen

	<b>\$25,000</b>
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ANNUAL BUDGET 2012 - 2013

CALCULATION OF TAX LEVY (MILL RATE)

This sheet reflects the mill rate resulting from the Board of Finance recommended budget using the preliminary grand list net assessment

MILL RATE CALCULATION - 2012 / 2013

Millrate Calculation

	2011 List
TOTAL NET ASSESSMENT (LESS EXEMPTIONS)	a 3,952,623,101
ADD(MINUS) ESTIMATED VALUATION ADJUSTMENTS (BEFORE TAX BILLS GO OUT)	b (2,000,000)
EFFECTIVE ASSESSMENT ON CIRCUIT BREAKER TAX CREDIT OF	b \$ 140,000
EFFECTIVE ASSESSMENT ON LOCAL CREDITS: NEWTOWN ELDERLY TAX BENEFITS OF	c \$ 1,225,000
	<u>3,896,218,956</u>
TOTAL TAXABLE NET ASSESSMENT	
Amount to be raised by taxation (from "current year taxes" - revenue budget)	96,298,244
TAX LEVY - assuming a tax collection rate of (= billed amount) (\$96,298,244 divided by 0.991)	d 97,172,799
<b>MILL RATE = (\$97,172,799 divided by (3,896,218,956 / 1,000))</b>	<b>24.94</b>
1 MILL =	3,896,218.96
PRIOR YEAR MILL RATE =	24.37
EFFECTIVE TAX INCREASE =	2.34%

- a PER ASSESSOR REPORT; SEE NEXT PAGE
- b PER ASSESSOR ESTIMATE
- c PER TAX COLLECTOR
- d PER BOARD OF FINANCE

= FIELD TO BE INPUTTED; ALL OTHER FIELDS ARE CALCULATED

# ANNUAL BUDGET 2012 - 2013

## TOWN OF NEWTOWN 2012 - 2013 BUDGET - BOARD OF FINANCE RECOMMENDED ADJUSTMENTS MARCH 14, 2012

FUNCTION / DEPARTMENT / ACCOUNT	2012-2013 BUDGET BOARD OF SELECTMEN PROPOSED	BOARD OF FINANCE ADJUSTMENTS	2012-2013 BUDGET BOARD OF FINANCE RECOMMENDED	COMMENTS
<b>VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS</b>				
MEDICAL BENEFITS	2,915,950	(209,290)	2,706,660	To adjust to reflect amount recommended by the Employee Medical Benefits Board
<b>PUBLIC WORKS</b>				
HIGHWAY				
EQUIPMENT FUEL	439,800	47,000	486,800	To adjust for the new fuel bid amount that went out in the second half of February.
<b>PARKS &amp; RECREATION</b>				
PARK MAINTAINER SALARY	426,857	15,940	442,797	To adjust for the park maintainer current contract amount that was settled in February.
FICA (SOCIAL SECURITY)	83,406	1,220	84,626	
<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>				
INTEREST	2,205,204	(82,492)	2,122,712	To adjust for the actual interest on the 2/2012 bond issue. An estimate was used.
		(227,622)		

2012-2013 BUDGET BOARD OF EDUCATION PROPOSED	BOARD OF FINANCE ADJUSTMENTS	2012-2013 BUDGET BOARD OF FINANCE RECOMMENDED	COMMENTS
70,055,794	(700,000)	69,355,794	To adjust for BOF commodity based estimated reductions.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Justification attached



BOF - RATIONALE FOR PROPOSED BOE CUT

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Diesel Fuel	(39,000)	BASED ON NEW BID AMOUNT.
Medical	(195,689)	AMOUNT RECOMMENDED BY THE MEDICAL SELF INSURANCE BOARD
OPEB	(100,000)	WILL TAKE A STEPPED APPROACH TO FULLY FUNDING THE OPEB AMOUNT
Efficiencies in Bus Runs (56,500 per bus)	(113,000)	REPRESENTS TWO BUS RUNS
Efficiencies in Bus Runs - (2) additional buses	(113,000)	
Unemployment (p. 36)	(20,000)	
Electricity (p. 37)	(40,000)	
Professional Services (p. 34)	??	
	<u>(620,689)</u>	