

# 2014 Deliberative Session

## General Fund Financial Update

# Milford's Overall Financials Continues to be Strong

- Debt Service
- Fund Balance
- Non-Tax Revenue

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# Debt Ratio

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The State of NH requires that a town's debt ratio cannot exceed 3% of its equalized evaluation (RSA's 33:4-a & 33:4-b):

Maximum allowed debt is \$37.2M - our current debt is \$8.8M

# Debt Ratio

	Millions	Percent Allowed
Actual debt – year end 2013	\$ 8.8	23.7%
2014 projected additional debt* (General Fund & Water Utilities)	\$ 0.3	
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Estimated debt – year end 2014	\$ 9.1	24.5%
<i>*if voters approve all proposed CIP Items.</i>		

# Milford's Overall Financials Continues to be Strong

- Low Debt: 24% of statutorily allowed maximum
- Fund Balance: 5.0% (acceptable based on low debt & balanced economy)
  - \$1,941,542 (2013 year end estimate)
- Revenue Growth Continued in 2013

## Milford's Overall Financials Continue to be Strong

- Revenue Growth Continued in 2013
  - 3.9% Increase or \$ 176,000 over 2012 actual
  - 1% Increase or \$48,000 over 2013 Forecast

# Milford's Overall Financials Continue to be Strong

- 2013 Revenue growth areas - \$176,000
  - Vehicle Registration up \$97,000
  - Ambulance net revenue up \$ 75,000
  - Community Development up \$41,000
  - Timber Yield Tax up \$24,000
  - Solid Waste revenue down (\$28,000)

# 2014 Proposed Municipal Expense Budget

- \$13,007,697 - increase of 4.5% = \$560,140
  - Default Budget is \$12,848,633
- 72% or \$401,076 is included in the Default Budget
  - Contractual/fixed obligations: Debt Service, benefits, insurance, elections, contracts
- 28% or \$159,064 is non-default increases
  - Inflation, 2% salary, building maintenance, etc. This amount equals a 1.3% increase.

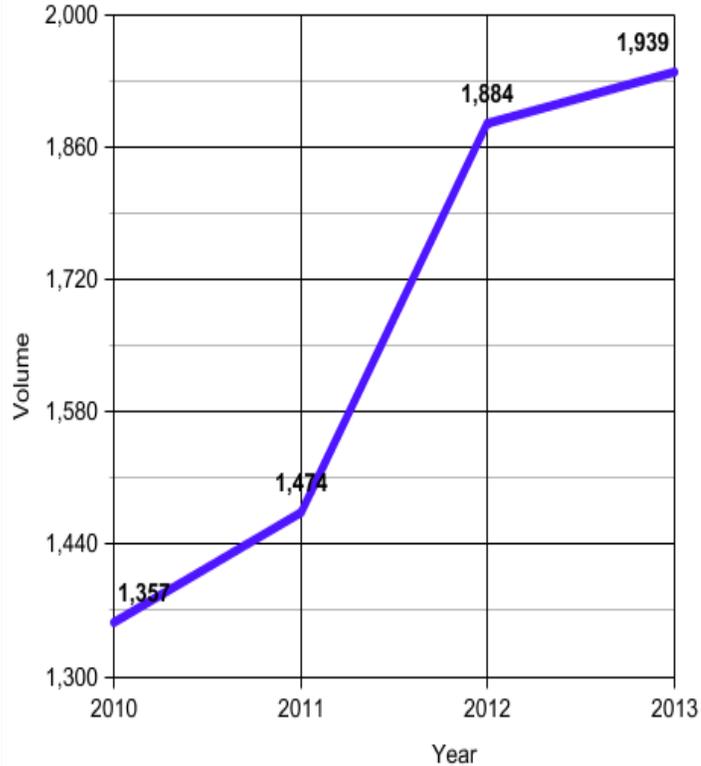
# 2014 Proposed Municipal Expense Budget

## Increase by Department

- Administration – 2.0 % increase
  - Includes 3.8% MACC Base increase of \$16K
  
- Ambulance – 1.1% increase

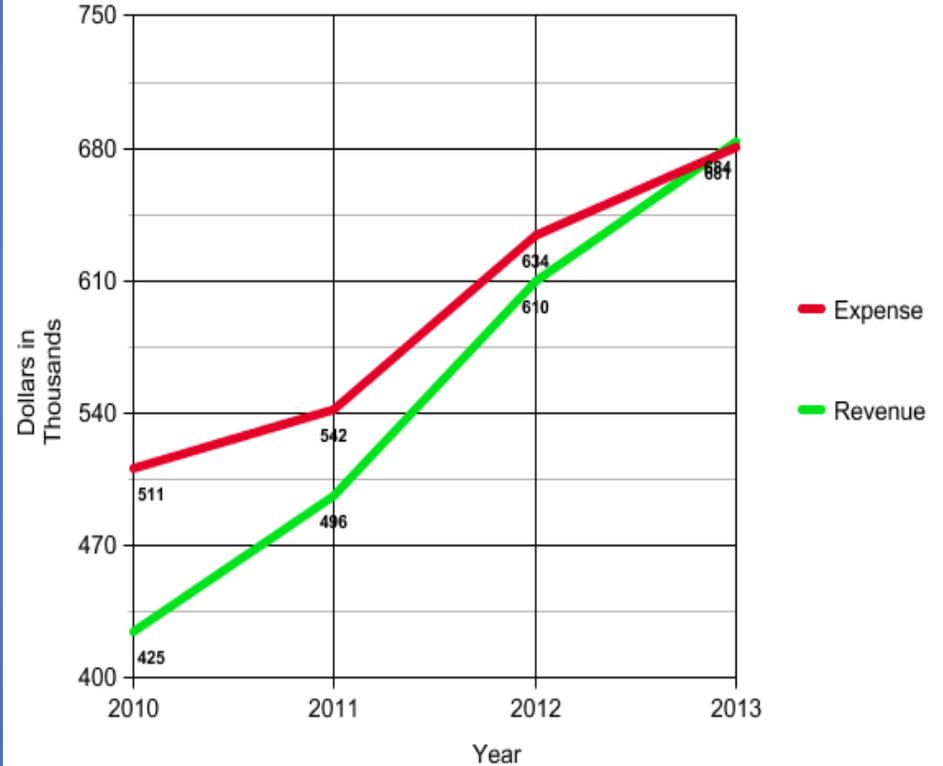
# Ambulance 4 Year History

Call Volume



Volume increase - 43%

Expense and Revenue



Expense Increase - 33%

Revenue increase - 61%

# Ambulance 4 year History

- 43% Volume Growth
- 33% Expense Growth
- 61% Revenue Growth
- Net \$100,000 positive to the Town Financials

# 2014 Proposed Municipal Expense Budget

## Increase by Department

- Assessing – (1.1%) decrease
- Community Development - (2.1%) decrease
- Community Media – (20.4%) decrease
  - No major software upgrade expense
- Conservation Commission – 1.9% increase

# 2014 Proposed Municipal Expense Budget

## Increase by Department

- Elections & Registration – 12.8% increase  
– \$14K associated with state and national elections
- Finance & Accounting – 0.6% increase

# 2014 Proposed Municipal Expense Budget

## Increase by Department

- Employee Benefits & Insurance – 7.9% increase = \$188K
  - Health Insurance 6% increase / no plan change
  - Retirement System – absorbing 2<sup>nd</sup> half of last year's increase due to adjustment of investment return
  - Property & Liability Insurance increase due to high claims history

# 2014 Proposed Municipal Expense Budget

## Increase by Department

- Debt Service – 27.3% increase
  - \$194K – warrant articles approved last year

# Debt Service % of Budget

	Percent	Amount
• 2014 Projection	7%	\$ 904K
• 2013	6%	\$ 711K
• 2012	5%	\$ 571K
• 2011	5%	\$ 628K
• 2010	6%	\$ 694K
• 2009	9%	\$1 M
• 2008	10%	\$1.1 M
• 2007	10%	\$1.1 M

# 2014 Proposed Municipal Expense Budget Increase by Department

- Fire & Emergency Mgt. - 1.4% increase
- Human Resources - 26.5% increase  
-\$15K to fund employee transition of the Directors retirement.

# 2014 Proposed Municipal Expense Budget

## Increase by Department

- Information Systems - 2.8% increase
  - \$12K for software maintenance increases, software support for out of warranty GIS and DPW applications, and additional contractor support
- Library - 1.8%
- Police - 1.9% increase
  - Includes a School Resource Officer – School will fund three-fourths of the year

# 2014 Proposed Municipal Expense Budget

## Increase by Department

- Public Works – 3.6% increase
  - \$96K additional funding for building maintenance and the backfill of two highway positions partially offset by reduction in part time hours.
- Recreation – (9.5%) decrease
  - Reduction in part time hours and supplies
- Welfare - (8.7%) decrease
  - Reduction based on 2013 actual expenditures

# Summary

- Towns financials are strong
- Revenues are growing
- Budget is up 4.5%
  - 72% included in the default budget
  - 28% is non-default increases or 1.3% increase over 2013

Questions?