

**2015 DELIBERATIVE SESSION
GENERAL FUND
FINANCIAL UPDATE**

MILFORD'S OVERALL FINANCIALS CONTINUE TO BE STRONG

- **Debt Service**
- **Fund Balance**
- **Non-Tax Revenue**
- **2015 Operating Expense Budget**

DEBT RATIO

- **Low Debt: 24% of statutorily allowed maximum.**

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 \$37.8M – our current debt is \$9.1M or 0.72%

DEBT RATIO

	Millions	Percent of Allowed Maximum
Actual debt – year end 2014	\$ 9.1	24.1%
2015 projected additional debt* (General Fund & Water Utilities)	\$ 5.5	
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Estimated debt – year end 2015	\$ 14.6	38.6%

*if voters approve all proposed CIP Items.

FUND BALANCE & NON-TAX REVENUE

- **Fund Balance:**
 - **\$1,622,739 (2014 year end estimate)**
 - **4.1% of Town, School & County Net Appropriation**
- **Non-Tax Revenue Growth Continued in 2014**
 - **3.6% Increase or \$168,000 over 2013**
 - **1% Decrease or \$56,000 over 2014 Forecast**

NON-TAX REVENUE

- **2014 Revenue growth from 2013 - \$168,000**
 - **Vehicle Registration up \$172,000**
 - **Ambulance net revenue down \$75,000**
 - **Community Development up \$17,000**
 - **Room and Meals Tax up \$55,000**

2015 PROPOSED MUNICIPAL EXPENSE BUDGET

- **\$13,785,044 - increase of \$759,747 or 5.8%**
 - Default Budget is \$13,663,678
- **\$638,381 or 84.0% is included in the Default Budget**
 - Contractual/fixed obligations: debt service, benefits, insurance, and contracts.
- **\$121,366 or 16.0% is non-default increases**
 - Inflation, 2% merit salary increases, purchased services, etc.

2015 PROPOSED MUNICIPAL EXPENSE BUDGET

INCREASE/DECREASE BY DEPARTMENT

- **Administration – \$4,915 or 1.6% decrease**
- **Ambulance – \$14,758 or 2.2% increase**
- **Assessing – \$3,600 or 2.1% decrease**
- **Community Development – \$3,263 or 0.7% increase**
- **Community Media – \$2,081 or 12.7% increase**
 - Software and service upgrades

2015 PROPOSED MUNICIPAL EXPENSE BUDGET

INCREASE/DECREASE BY DEPARTMENT

- **Conservation Commission – \$2,033 or 9.0% increase**
- **Elections & Registration – \$9,030 or 6.0% decrease**
 - Election cycle
- **Finance & Tax Collection – \$39,938 or 14.1% increase**
 - \$35K Fund balance transfer for 127 Elm Street will be offset by revenue (donations)

2015 PROPOSED MUNICIPAL EXPENSE BUDGET

INCREASE/DECREASE BY DEPARTMENT

- **Employee Benefits & Insurance – \$164,266 or 6.4% increase**
 - Health Insurance increase / no plan change
 - Retirement System – payroll and rate increases
 - Property & Liability Insurance increase due to claims history
- **Debt Service – \$160,246 or 17.7% increase**
 - \$178K – warrant articles approved last year

2015 PROPOSED MUNICIPAL EXPENSE BUDGET

INCREASE/DECREASE BY DEPARTMENT

- **Fire & Emergency Mgt. – \$4,076 or 0.7% increase**
- **Human Resources – \$6,380 or 8.2% decrease**
- **Information Systems – \$17,484 or 6.0% increase**
 - Software maintenance increases
 - Computer equipment purchases/upgrades & fiber optic cable to replace modems.

2015 PROPOSED MUNICIPAL EXPENSE BUDGET

INCREASE/DECREASE BY DEPARTMENT

- **Library – \$43,376 or 6.0% increase**
 - Wage restructuring to meet town scale & competition
- **Other Public Safety, Includes MACC base - \$91,481 or 14.8% increase.**
 - New consoles \$77,000

2015 PROPOSED MUNICIPAL EXPENSE BUDGET

INCREASE/DECREASE BY DEPARTMENT

- **Police – increase of \$94,595 or 4.5%**
 - Supervisory wage adjustments
 - Full year School Resource Officer (60% paid for by School)
 - 2% CBA increase
- **Public Works – increase of \$143,243 or 5.2%**
 - Fully staffed
 - Focus on infrastructure rebuilding & repair: roads, bridges, storm water system
 - \$46,500 hit on heat/oil due to meter error/undercharge in past years

2015 PROPOSED MUNICIPAL EXPENSE BUDGET

INCREASE/DECREASE BY DEPARTMENT

- **Recreation – \$6,017 or 5.0% increase**
- **Welfare – \$2,684 or 1.5% decrease**
 - Reduction based on 2014 actual expenditures

BUDGET VS. ACTUAL HISTORY, 2011-2014

<u>Year</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	Budget over <u>Actual</u>
2011	\$11,560,274	\$11,149,766	3.55%
2012	\$11,832,885	\$11,541,782	2.46%
2013	\$12,447,557	\$12,291,430	1.25%
2014	\$13,025,297	\$12,934,359	0.70% estimated

QUESTIONS?