

Town of Upton

Fiscal Year 2016 - 2017



BUDGET SUMMARY PRESENTATION

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
&
FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Fiscal Year 2016 - 2017 Budget



A change in the Process – A more conservative approach

- What we use to do

- Submit a balanced budget in May
- Estimate revenue in May
- Estimate free cash in May
- Appropriate all capital items in May
- Supplement stabilization in winter
- Adjust budget in winter STM

- What we plan to do

- Submit operational budget in May
- Certify free cash & new growth in October
- State certifies property assessments in October
- Finalize the budget in October
- Appropriate some capital items and add to stabilization in November

How is Upton Doing

The Town has a subscription to ClearGov to make financial information more transparent and meaningful. With ClearGov we can easily compare Upton to similar communities.

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Hyperlink each action item to review data

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Budget Outcomes & Impacts



This Budget largely represents level services and meeting contractual obligations.

- **Where are the major changes**

MURSD	\$333,969	3.02%
Emergency Medical	\$ 62,643	36.61%
Police Department	\$ 32,921	2.01%

Impact

MURSD budget request accounts for 69.19% of total budget increase from FY 15/16

- **Override impact**

Tax rate without over ride
\$17.17 / 1,000
Tax Rate with FY 15 – 16 override
\$18.56 / 1,000

Impact

\$1.39 million override for MURSD Schools
No reduction in Town government services

Revenue Summary



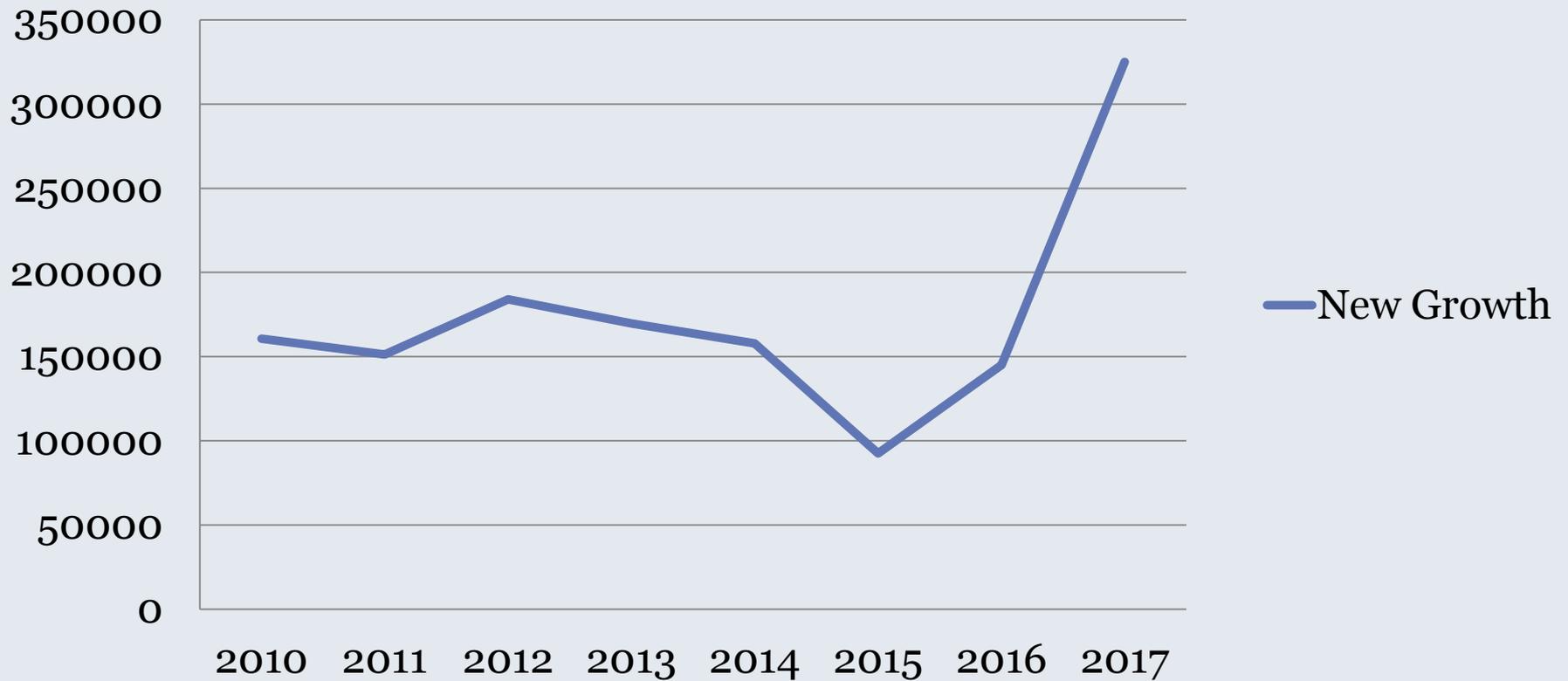
Revenue Short Term Trend

	FY2015	FY2016	% Change
Taxation	16,720,158	18,602,951	11.26%
Local Receipts	1,885,277	1,940,735	2.94%
State Revenue	694,064	717,350	3.36%
New Growth	92,529	115,000	24.92%
Free Cash	349,074	407,727	16.8%

Taxation Breakdown FY2016

Classification	Percentage	Dollars
Property	94.1082%	17,506,902
Commercial	2.1479%	399,573
Industrial	1.0286%	191,350
Personal	2.7153%	505,126
Total	100.00%	\$18,602,951

New Growth Trend



Reserves / Stabilization Funds



Capital Stabilization
peaked in FY 16 at
\$ 189,700

General Stabilization
peaked in FY 16 at
\$1,185,433

OPEB Reserve
Balance
\$ 80,000

Current Reserve
Balance \$1,375,133

Our reserve balance
trend is moving
upward.

Our current position
is equal to where we
were last year.

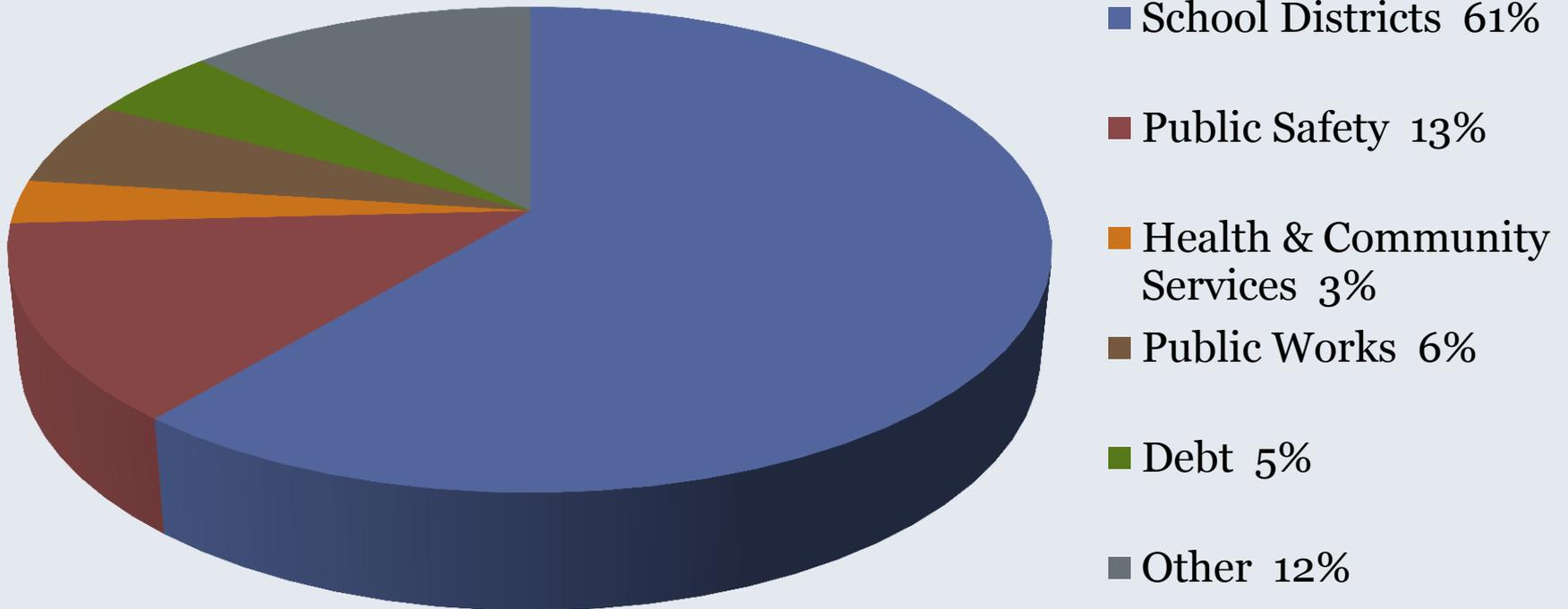
As it currently stands,
our reserves meet the
recommended 5 -
10% of the operating
budget threshold and
are adequately
prepared for the next
recession.

OPEB = “other post employment benefits” which is retiree health insurance for employees who qualify for a pension plan.

Projected Expenses Budget



Percentage



Regional School District Budgets



Mendon Upton Regional

Blackstone Valley Regional

Assessment **\$11.39m**

Assessment **\$1.20m**

% of Town Budget **55.04%**

% of Town Budget **5.80%**

% Increase **3.02%**

% Increase **-2.19%**

Number of Upton Students **1,217**

Number of Upton Students **107**

Cost per student 2% less than comparable districts (\$13,055)

**Cost per student is 7% less than comparable districts (\$18,215)
13 less students at BVT accounts for the budget decrease this year**

Health and Community Service Expense Budget



FY2017 Budget for	Amount	% Increase over Previous Year
Board of Health	\$ 63,200	1.53%
Council on Aging	189,119	3.44%
Library	242,088	1.85%
Recreation	34,750	0.00%
Veteran Services	29,517	1.99%
Conservation Commission	35,412	1.01%
Historical Commission	1,631	63.10%
Cemetery Commission	1,750	0.00%

Public Safety Expense Budget



Police Department

Appropriation - \$1,666,936

% of Budget 8.05%

% Increase 2.01%

Impact

- ✓ **Maintain current staffing level at 12 full time officers**

Fire / EMS Department

Appropriation - \$1,053,469

% of Budget 5.09%

% Increase 17.43%

Impact

- ✓ **Maintain current staffing level of 7 career - Chief, FF/ EMT/paramedics**
- ✓ **Maintains current staffing level of on-call 37 FF/EMTs**
- ✓ **Allows for ambulance ALS staffing for 24/7 coverage**

Public Works Expense Budget



FY2017 Budget for	Dollars	% increase from Previous Year
Highway Division	650,368*	-1.53%
Parks & Cemeteries Division	242,324	5.71%
Waste Water Division	859,507	4.48%
Water Division	1,122,532	-1.06%
Snow & Ice	220,000	4.76%
Storm Water Management	50,000	108.33%

- Highway includes snow & ice & storm water management in the recommended budget.
- Impact: No Increase to labor force

General Government Expense Budget



FY17 Budget for	Amount	% increase from previous year
Board of Selectmen	351,501	0.91%
Board of Assessors	69,325	0.30%
Town Clerk	78,003	5.66%
Treasurer / Collector	153,064	-0.80%
Insurance: Health, Liability, Etc	950,433	0.60%
Pension Benefits	449,943	8.0%

Impact: No increase to labor force; health Insurance rate increase of 12.8%; retiree health benefits included in insurance budget.

Moving Forward



- No Increase in the tax rate planned for FY 16/17
- Budget drivers for the future:
 - Meet State target share for school spending
 - Funding future retirement health insurance benefits for eligible employees (OPEB)
 - Infrastructure needs – Hartford Avenue North water main, Fisk Mill Bridge, etc.
 - Health insurance costs