

TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON CONNECTICUT

Town Manager 2020-2021 Budget Presentation Board of Finance Public Hearing ZOOM Meeting

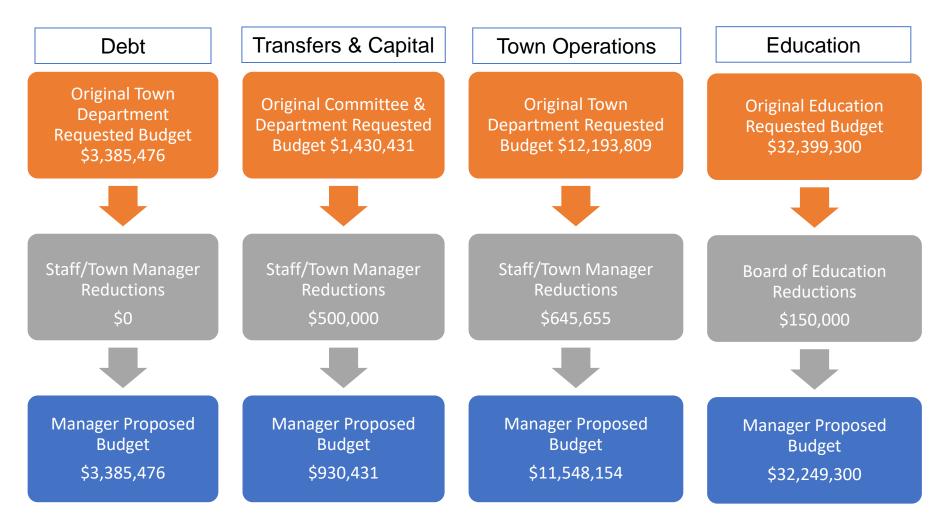
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COVID-19 Pandemic Impacts

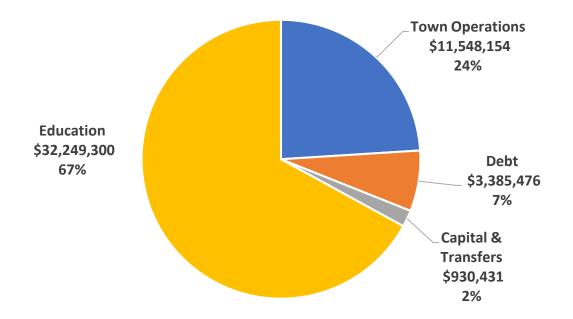
- Original Budget preparation process effectively stopped March 10, 2020 with the Governor's Emergency Declaration
- By March 15, all in-person meetings were eliminated and budget deadlines had been delayed
- By March 20, East Hampton had its first confirmed case, local emergency declared and non-essential businesses were closed
- April 1, Council adopted a revised Budget Policy Statement and Budget adoption process
- Between April 1 and April 13, Staff, Board of Education and Town Manager revisited and revised the proposed 2020-2021 Budget

NOTE: As staff has continued to work on the budget, some errors have been noted. These have included:

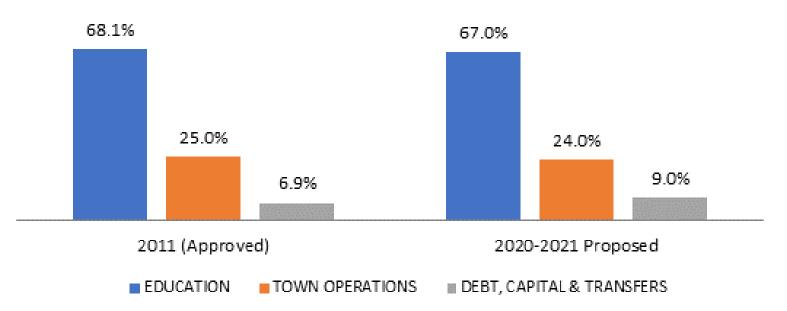
- Funds for Building Inspection support erroneously in two places. (-\$25,000)
- Funding for Pension needs misplaced in Health Benefits. (moves \$32,000)
- Additional funding for Unemployment Insurance moved from Health Benefits (moves \$8,000)
- The Full Time Employees chart was not updated properly. The corrected chart has been incorporated



Proposed Spending Plan by Major Function Total Budget Request: \$48,113,361

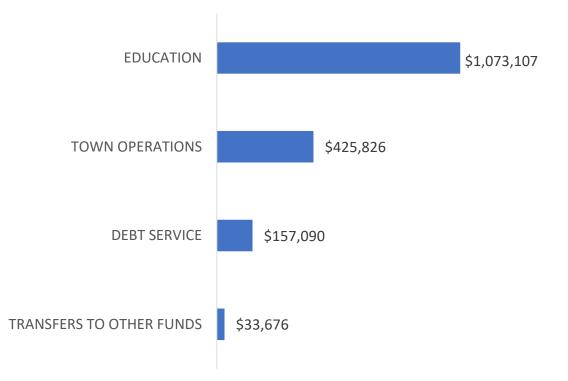


2011 vs. 2021



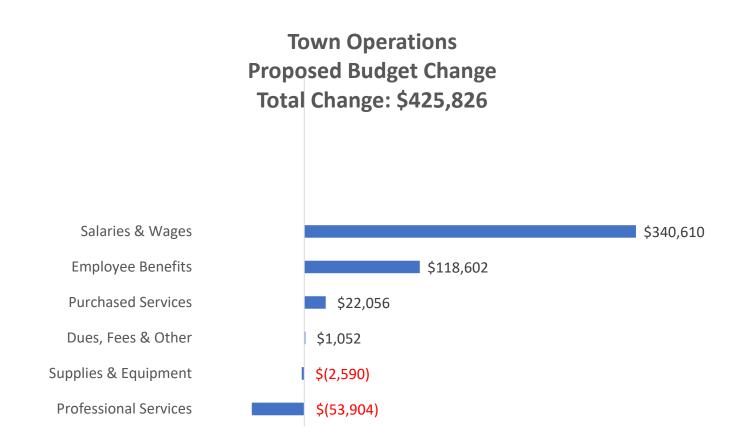
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2020-2021 Allocation of Total Increase

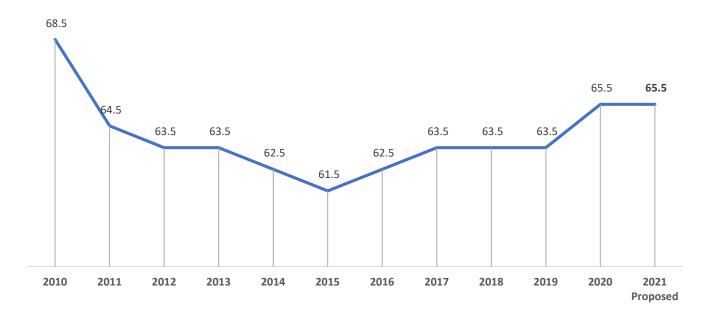


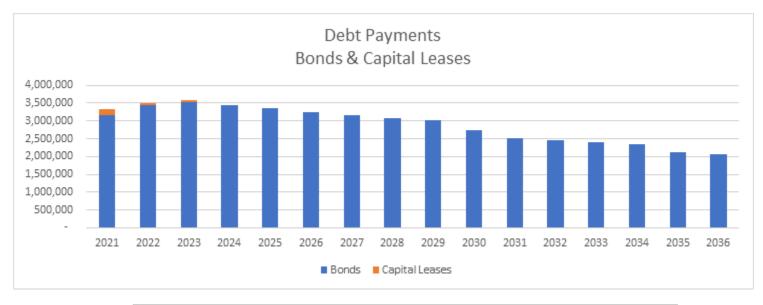
Major Expenditures Changes

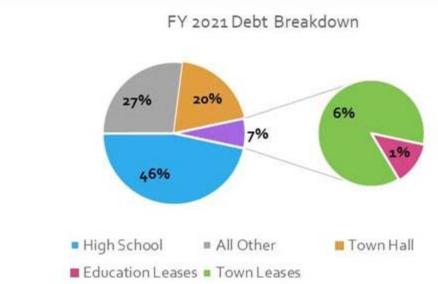
- Salary Increases:
 - Full-time \$160,060 (Relating to contractual obligations, anticipated increases and a general wage adjustment)
 - Part-time \$4,834 (Increases in Library, Registrar and Senior Center hourly wages offset by other reductions)
- New staff and program requests :\$177,667
 - Stipend for Fire/Ambulance Volunteers (\$106,305)
 - Shared Facilities Manager (\$20,000)
 - Administrative Support in Fire Marshal (\$8,612)
 - Scheduler/Driver for Senior Transportation (\$7,750)
 - Additional Senior Meals (\$15,000)
 - Third Party Building Official Support (\$20,000)
- Transfer Station: \$25,000 for Refuse Removal
- Medical Benefits: \$58,250 (Related to staff updates and an estimated 3.5% premium increase)
- Pension:
 - Defined Benefit \$77,500
 - Defined Contribution \$12,265
- Workers compensation and liability insurance anticipated reduction: -\$52,250
- Legal Services reduction: -\$42,000
 - Total above \$421,326



Full Time Employees

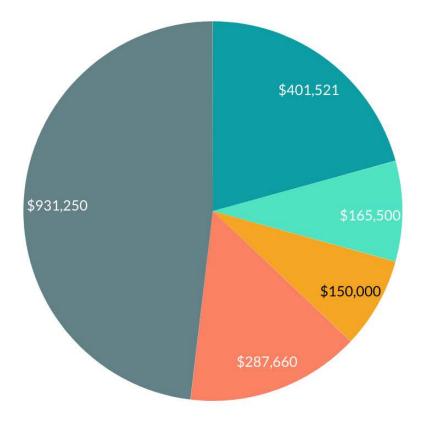






Capital Expenses by Category (\$1,935,931)

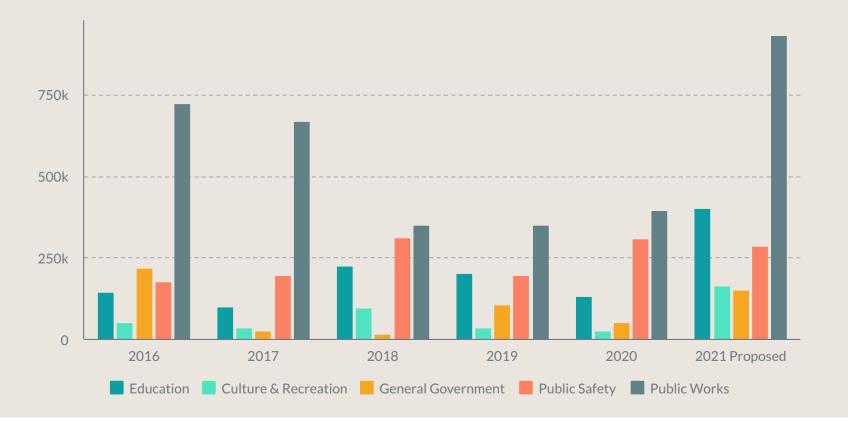
Education (20.74%)
Culture & Recreation (8.55%)
General Government (7.75%)
Public Safety (14.86%)
Public Works (48.1%)



Capital Revenues



History of Capital Expenses by Function



Revenues

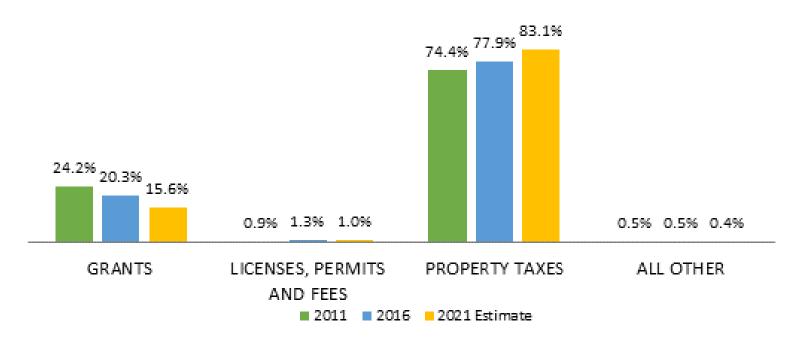
Staff has estimated small increases in most revenue categories, with two reductions for an overall budgeted increase in the normal revenue streams of \$90,472.

- Grants include a modest increase (\$36,475) in the anticipated revenue due, primarily, to an budget-to-budget expected increase in ECS funding
- Licenses, Permits and Fee and Other Revenue increase a small amount based on activity (\$30,980)
- Investment Income has been strong but only a small increase is anticipated due to the uncertainty (\$22,500)
- Delinquent tax collections increase a small amount based on activity (\$24,000)

Other Notable Revenue-Related Items

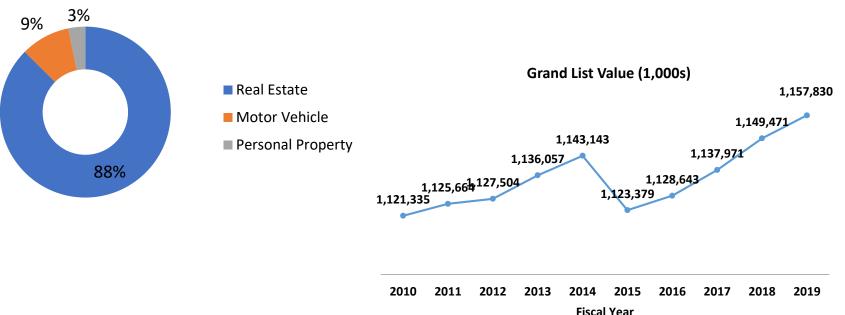
- Use of \$250,000 in surplus funds from FY 2019 to reduce taxes needed for transfer to the Capital Reserve Fund.
- Largest "increase" relates to the Volunteer Tax Abatement.
 - Eliminated last year in favor of a stipend (\$60,000)
 - Previously, a reduction in revenue. Now, the remuneration to public safety volunteers is an expense.

% of Total Revenue

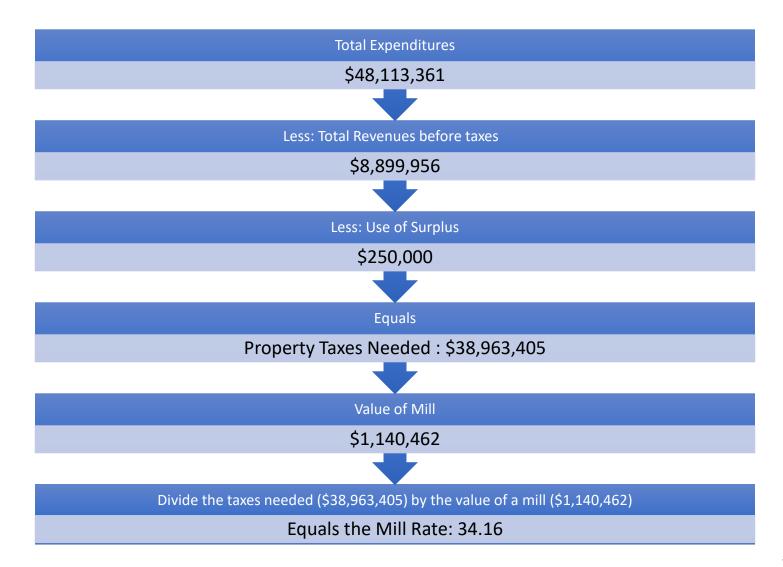


Grand List

- Grand list grew by approximately .7%.
- The 2019 Grand List, which is used for this budget, is currently valued at \$1,157,829,579. The final grand list is subject to change due to adjustments from the Board of Assessment appeals and litigation.
- Grand list growth will generate an additional \$281,000 in new tax revenue.



2019 GL Assessed Value



Mill Rate = \$34.16 Helped by increase in Grand List, a revenue gain and use of Surplus

Overall Mill Rate Increase = \$0.89 2.68%

2020-2021 Manager Budget Planned Board of Finance Virtual Meeting Dates

- April 21, 2020 Budget Workshop (4:00pm-6:30pm)
- April 22, 2020 Budget Workshop (6:00pm 8:30pm)
- April 23, 2020 Budget Workshop (6:00pm 8:30pm)
- April 24, 2020 Budget Workshop Board of Education (4:00pm- 6:00pm)
- April 25, 2020 Budget Workshop (8:30am 10:30am)
- April 27, 2020 Written Comments Due (BOF)
- April 30, 2020 Special Meeting for Budget Deliberations (6:30pm)
- May 4, 2020 Special Meeting for Budget Deliberations (6:00pm)
- May 12, 2020 Submit Board of Finance Recommended Budget to Town Council
- May 21, 2020 Written Comments Due (Town Council)
- June 15, 2020 Date by which the Town Council will approve Budget and set Mill Rate.

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- Written comments on the budget:
 - <u>budget@easthamptonct.gov</u>
 - Or by Mail to the Town Hall: 20 East High Street.
 - (After May 11: 1 Community Drive)
- Budget information online at: <u>www.easthamptonct.gov</u>



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