

#### TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON CONNECTICUT

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

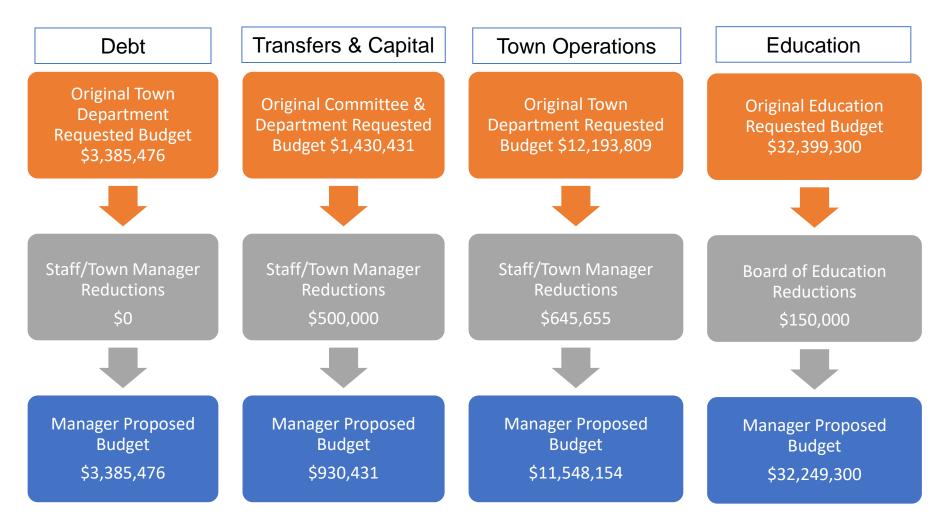
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### COVID-19 Pandemic Impacts

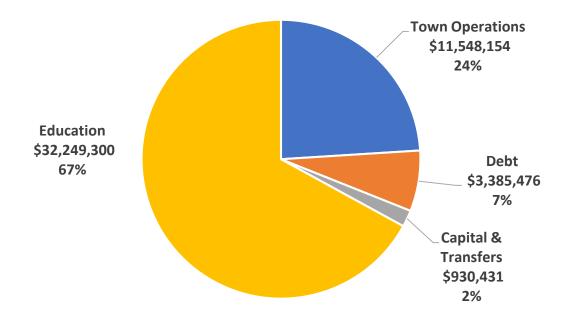
- Original Budget preparation process effectively stopped March 10, 2020 with the Governor's Emergency Declaration
- By March 15, all in-person meetings were eliminated and budget deadlines had been delayed
- By March 20, East Hampton had its first confirmed case, local emergency declared and non-essential 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:

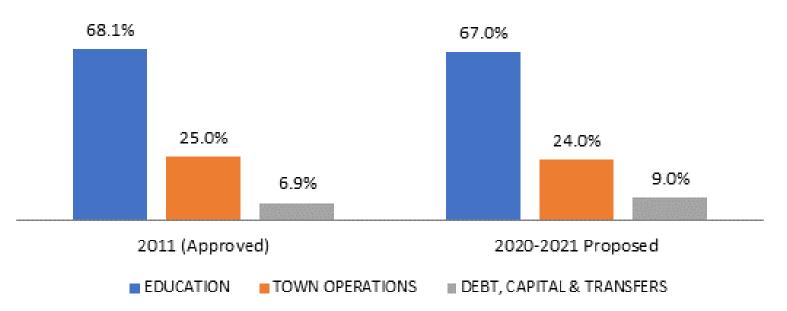
- Funds for Building Inspection support erroneously in two places. (-\$25,000)
- Funding for Pension needs misplaced in Health Benefits. (moves \$32,000)
- Additional funding for Unemployment Insurance moved from Health Benefits (moves \$8,000)
- The Full Time Employees chart was not updated properly.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



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

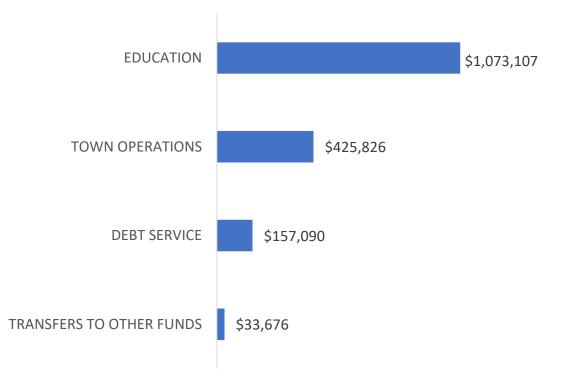


2011 vs. 2021



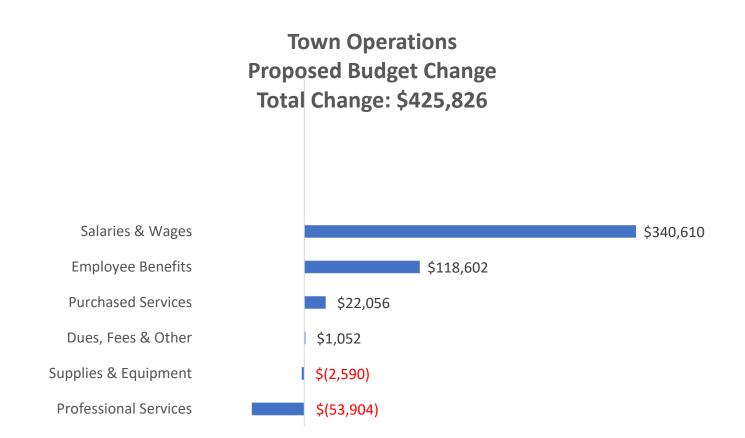
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2020-2021 Allocation of Total Increase

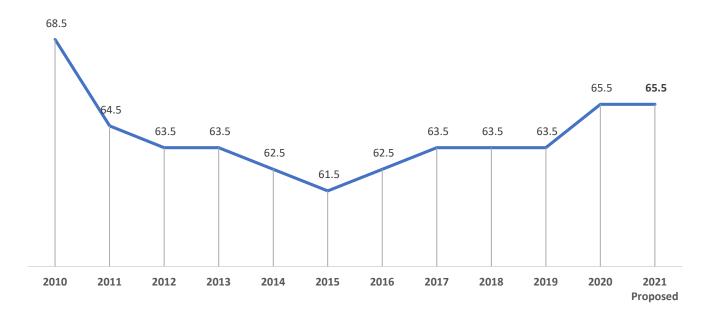


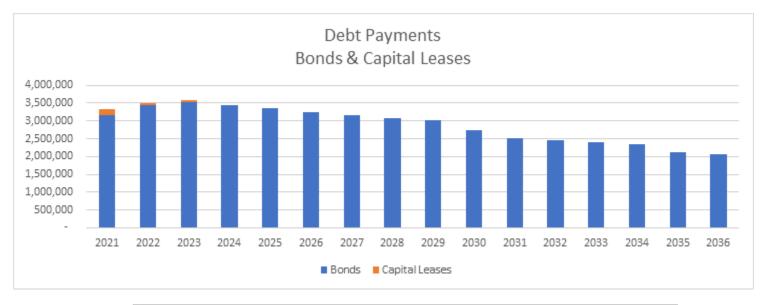
#### **Major Expenditures Changes**

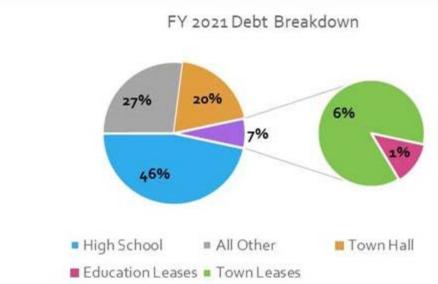
- Salary Increases:
  - Full-time \$160,060 (Relating to contractual obligations, anticipated increases and a general wage adjustment)
  - Part-time \$4,834 (Increases in Library, Registrar and Senior Center hourly wages offset by other reductions)
- New staff and program requests :\$177,667
  - Stipend 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

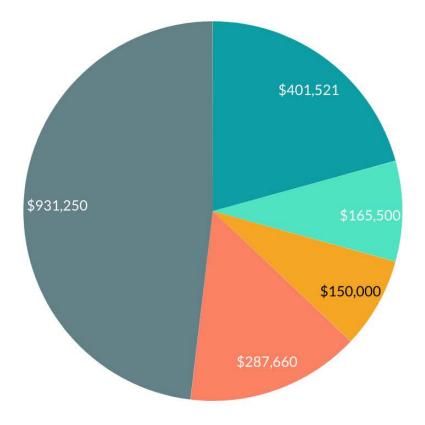






### Capital Expenses by Category (\$1,935,931)

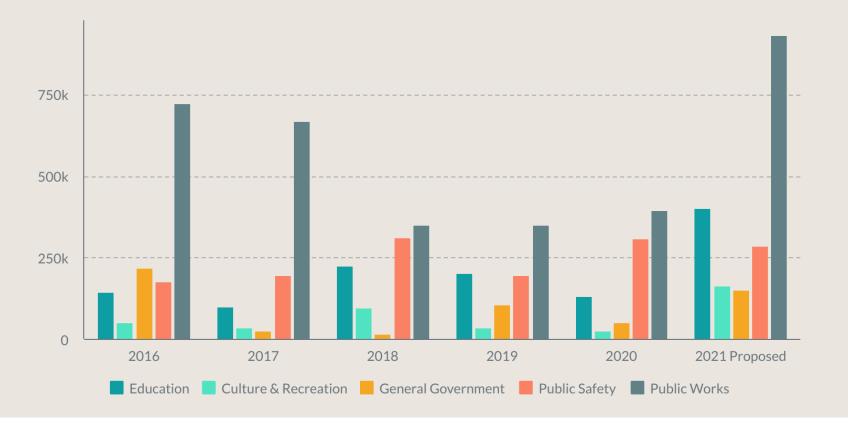
Education (20.74%)
Culture & Recreation (8.55%)
General Government (7.75%)
Public Safety (14.86%)
Public Works (48.1%)



### **Capital Revenues**



History of Capital Expenses by Function



### Revenues

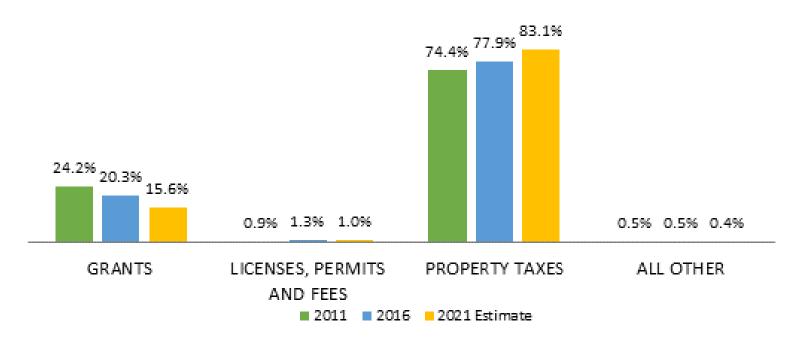
Staff has estimated small increases in most revenue categories, with two reductions for an overall budgeted increase in the normal revenue streams of \$90,472.

- 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

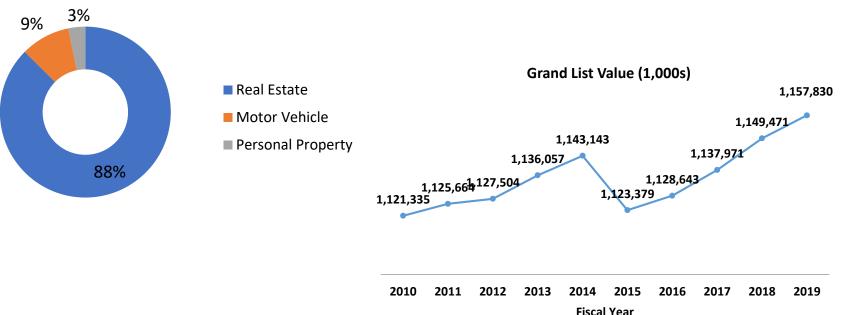
- Use of \$250,000 in surplus funds from FY 2019 to reduce taxes needed for transfer to the Capital Reserve Fund.
- Largest "increase" relates to the Volunteer Tax Abatement.
  - Eliminated last year in favor of a stipend (\$60,000)
  - Previously, a reduction in revenue. Now, the remuneration to public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

% of Total Revenue

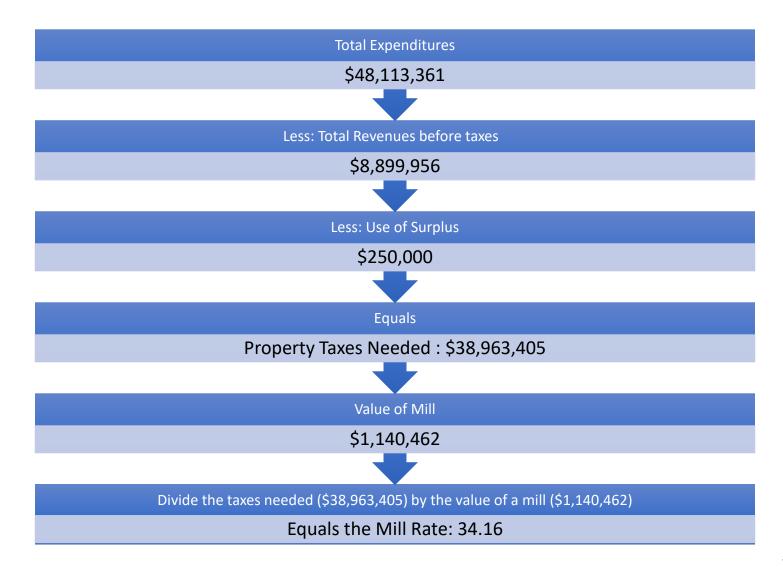


### **Grand List**

- 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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