

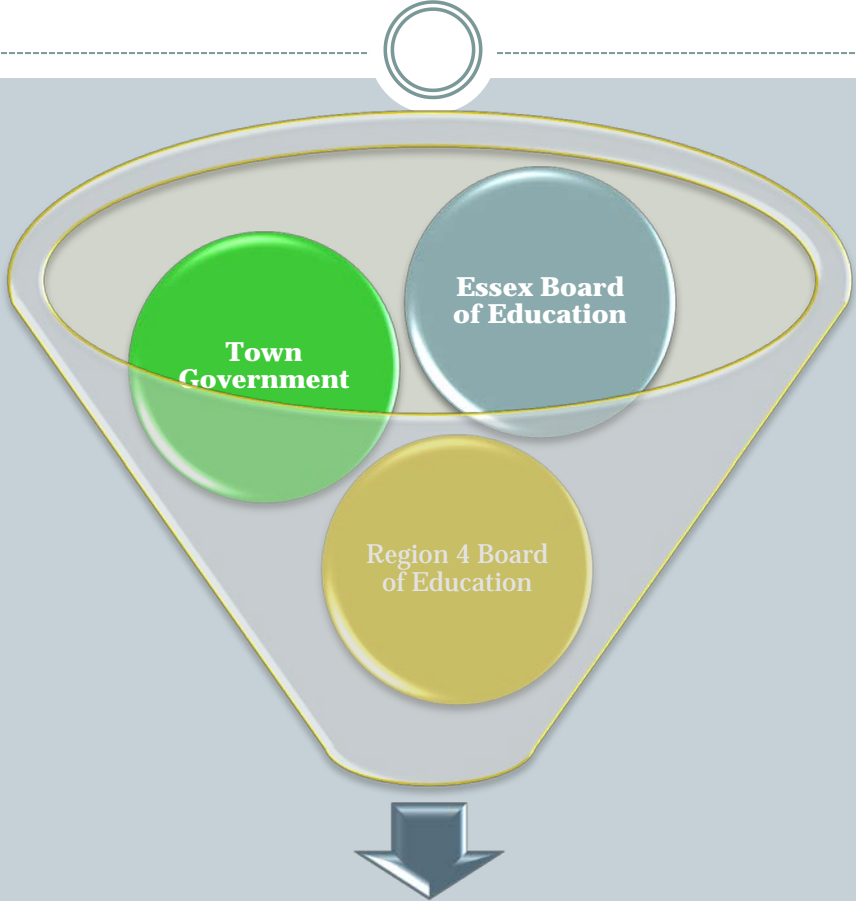
Proposed 2017-2018 Essex Town Budget Presentation



**ANNUAL BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING
APRIL 20, 2017**

Proposed 2017-2018 Essex Town Budget

What Goes Into the Final Budget?



Essex Town Budget

Which Proposed Budgets are We Presenting at this Public Hearing?

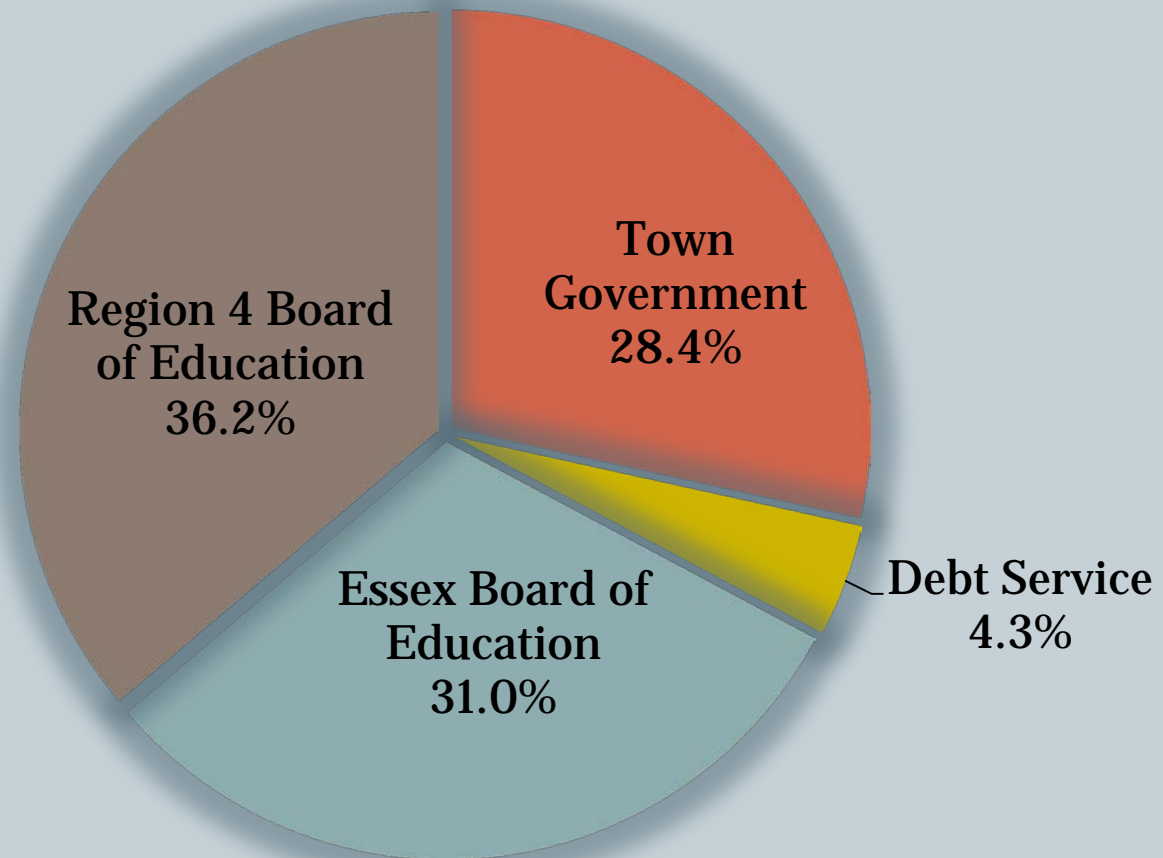


Tonight:

**Town Government including Debt Service
and
Essex Board of Education**

The Region 4 Board of Education budget was presented at a public hearing for all three Towns on April 3rd

Summary of Proposed Budget Expenditures



Potential Impact from the State Still Unknown



Governor's original State budget request transfers cost for a portion of the Teacher's pension contribution to the municipalities (approximately one third of the cost) Impact to the Town of Essex for FY 2017-2018:

\$606,580

Based on current net grand list of \$1,044,700,428, this would have a mill rate impact of .58 mills.

Summary of Proposed Budget Expenditures Town Government-Selectmen's Budget



FY 2017-2018 Request:

\$7,895,609

**This represents an increase of \$243,968 or 3.19%
over the prior fiscal year.**

Includes debt service of \$1,046,256

Summary of Proposed Budget Expenditures Essex Elementary Board of Education



FY 2017-2018 request recommended by the Board of Finance at their March 30, 2016 meeting:

\$7,461,594

This represents an decrease of \$173,814 or -2.28% versus the prior fiscal year.

Summary of Proposed Budget Expenditures Region 4 – Town of Essex Share



FY 2017-2018 Request:

\$8,721,064

This represents an increase of \$266,539 or 3.15% over the prior fiscal year.

The small increase in Essex share of ADM accounted for \$35,213 of the increase. Without this shift, the increase would have been \$231,326 or 2.74% over current year.

To be voted on at referendum on May 2nd

Proposed 2017-2018 Essex Town Budget Average Daily Membership (ADM)



ADM = Town's share of total Region 4 student population as of October 1 of the previous year

	2016-2017		2017-2018	
	Students	%	Students	%
Chester	216	22.83%	211	21.78%
Deep River	310	32.77 %	326	33.64%
Essex	<u>420</u>	<u>44.40 %</u>	<u>432</u>	<u>44.58%</u>
Total	946	100.00 %	969	100.00%

Historic Average Daily Membership (ADM) Share % for Town of Essex



Summary of Proposed 2017-2018 Budget



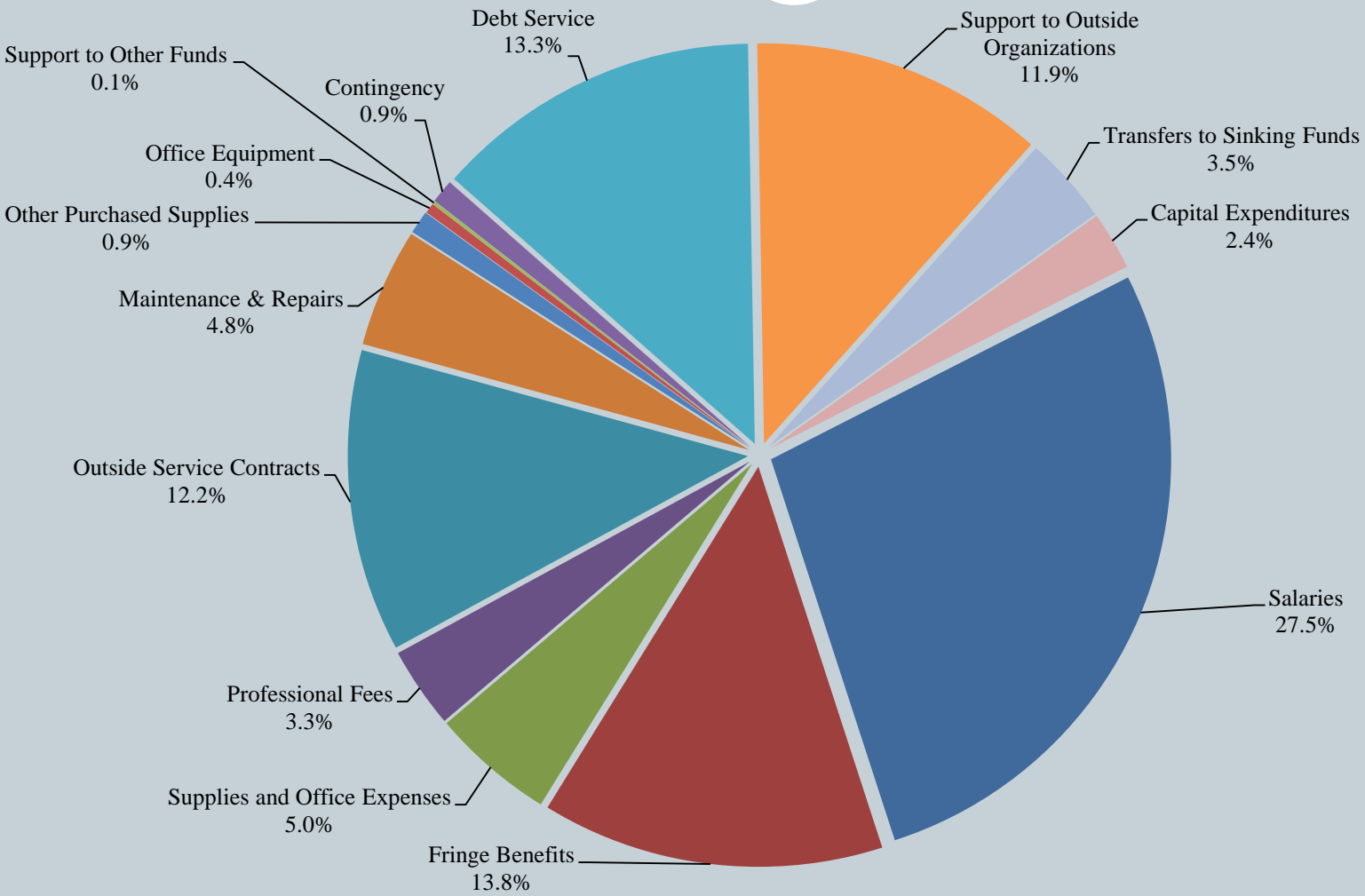
Summarizing these budgets results in the following total proposed 2017-2018 Town of Essex budget:

	Board of Finance, Essex BOE and R4
Town Government	\$ 7,895,609
R4-Essex share	\$ 8,721,064
Essex BOE	\$ 7,461,594
Total	<u>\$24,078,267**</u>
Percent increase	1.42%

**excludes State proposed teacher retirement contribution by Town

Proposed 2017-2018 Essex Town Budget

Town Government Expenditures by Category



Proposed 2016-2017 Essex Town Budget

Major Budget Drivers



Description	2016-2017 Budget	2017-2018		
		Request	Increase/ (Decrease)	% Change
Salaries	2,102,653	2,171,350	68,697	3.27%
Fringe Benefits	1,037,500	1,091,945	54,445	5.25%
Supplies and Office Expenses	397,658	392,542	(5,116)	-1.29%
Professional Fees	268,799	258,355	(10,444)	-3.89%
Outside Service Contracts	920,715	962,305	41,590	4.52%
Maintenance & Repairs	367,310	378,210	10,900	2.97%
Other Purchased Supplies	77,650	74,650	(3,000)	-3.86%
Office Equipment	35,600	32,600	(3,000)	-8.43%
Support to Other Funds	10,000	10,000	-	0.00%
Contingency	75,000	75,000	-	0.00%
Total Operating Expenditures	\$ 5,292,885	\$ 5,446,957	\$ 154,072	2.91%
Debt Service	968,956	1,046,256	77,300	7.98%
Support to Outside Organizations	924,800	937,396	12,596	1.36%
Transfers to Sinking Funds	279,000	279,000	-	0.00%
Capital Expenditures	186,000	186,000	-	0.00%
Total Expenditures	\$ 7,651,641	\$ 7,895,609	\$ 243,968	3.19%

Major Budget Drivers

Salaries



Increase of \$68,697 (or 3.27%) reflects:

Contractual increases	\$32,333
Non-Union Increases	\$21,295
Step increases	\$3,886
Net staffing changes	\$11,183**

***Staffing changes include a staff addition in Health Dept., change in status for the PW Director and the Building Official, and additional shifts for part time police.*

Major Budget Drivers

Fringe Benefits



Increase of \$54,445 (or 5.25%) reflects:

Health Insurance	\$47,450
FICA	\$5,000
Retirement Contrib.	\$21,885

Major Budget Drivers

Professional Fees



Decrease of \$10,444 (or -3.89%) reflects:

Registered Sanitarian	(\$7,500)
Inspection Services	(\$10,000)
Technology Services	\$6,162
Various Other	\$894

Major Budget Drivers

Outside Service Contract



Outside Service Contracts reflects an increase of \$41,590 (or 4.52%). The major contributors to this increase include:

✦ Resident Trooper Contract	\$5,746
✦ Technology Support	\$8,759
✦ Water Services	\$30,214
✦ Various other	(\$3,129)

Major Budget Drivers

Support to Outside Organizations

Organization	2016-2017 Budget	2017-2018	
		Request	Increase/ (Decrease)
Essex Fire Department	339,650	344,650	5,000
Essex Library	283,559	289,230	5,671
Ivoryton Library	107,000	109,140	2,140
Visiting Nurses	66,874	66,874	-
Tri-Town Youth Services	35,000	35,000	-
Estuary Council of Seniors Club	35,851	35,851	-
Essex Ambulance Association	12,836	11,707	(1,129)
Estuary Transit	18,226	19,140	914
Emergency Medical Services Support	6,700	6,700	-
Shoreline Soup Kitchens	5,000	5,000	-
Gilead	3,500	3,500	-
Middlesex Ctr for Behavioral Health	2,500	2,500	-
Community Renewal Team	2,000	2,000	-
Rushford Center	1,250	1,250	-
Community Health Center, Inc.	1,500	1,500	-
Literacy Volunteers of America	1,100	1,100	-
The Connection	750	750	-
Sexual Assault Crisis	650	650	-
Middlesex Cty Substance Abuse Council	500	500	-
Regional Mental Health	354	354	-
Total	\$ 924,800	\$ 937,396	\$ 12,596

Major Budget Drivers

Debt Service



Debt Service increase reflects a \$77,300 increase.

- Principal payments on the refunded 2007 general obligation bond accounted for \$40,000 of the increase.
- Interest expense of \$25,000 related to the issuance of a bond anticipation note is down \$30,675 compared to the current fiscal year. Due to mature August 2017.
- Interest expense of \$86,250 relates to issuance of a general obligation in August 2017 related to capital projects

Major Budget Drivers Capital Projects Status

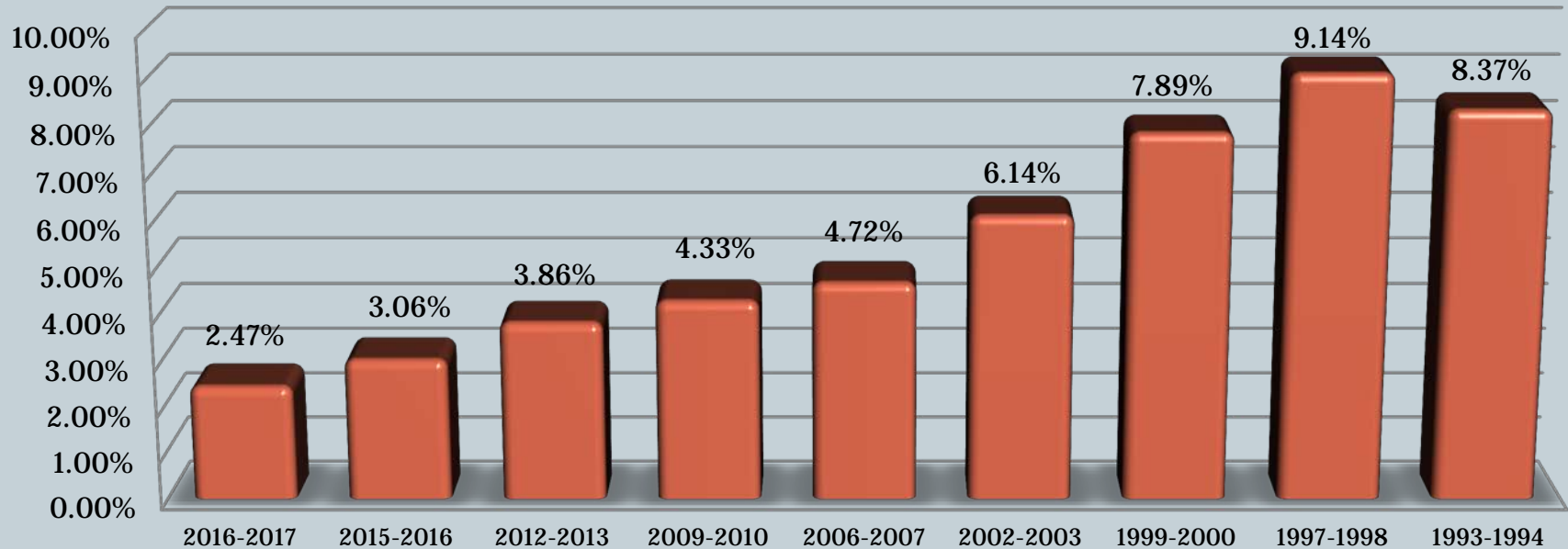
Capital Project	Original Amount*	Status
<u>Infrastructure</u>		
Walnut Street Bridge	2,100,000	In Progress
Ivory Street Bridge	450,000	Complete
<u>Essex Elementary School</u>		
Roof Replacement	1,400,000	Complete
Air Quality Improvements	600,000	Complete
Paving Renovations	225,000	Complete
Media Center Upgrades	185,000	Complete
Fuel Conversion	110,000	Complete
<u>Essex Town Hall</u>		
Roof Replacement	200,000	Complete
Window Replacement	115,000	Complete
Fire Alarm System/vault suppression	30,000	Complete
Land Use Office Improvements	500,000	Complete
Air Quality Improvements	200,000	In Progress
Toilet Room Improvements	120,000	In Progress
<u>Public Works</u>		
Roof Replacement	109,000	Complete
Heating System Replacement	97,000	Complete
Garage & Equipment Storage	264,000	Complete
<u>Fire Department</u>		
Pumper Engine	600,000	Received and In-Service

*-Amounts do not include shared contingency and debt administration of \$780,000

State & Federal Revenues

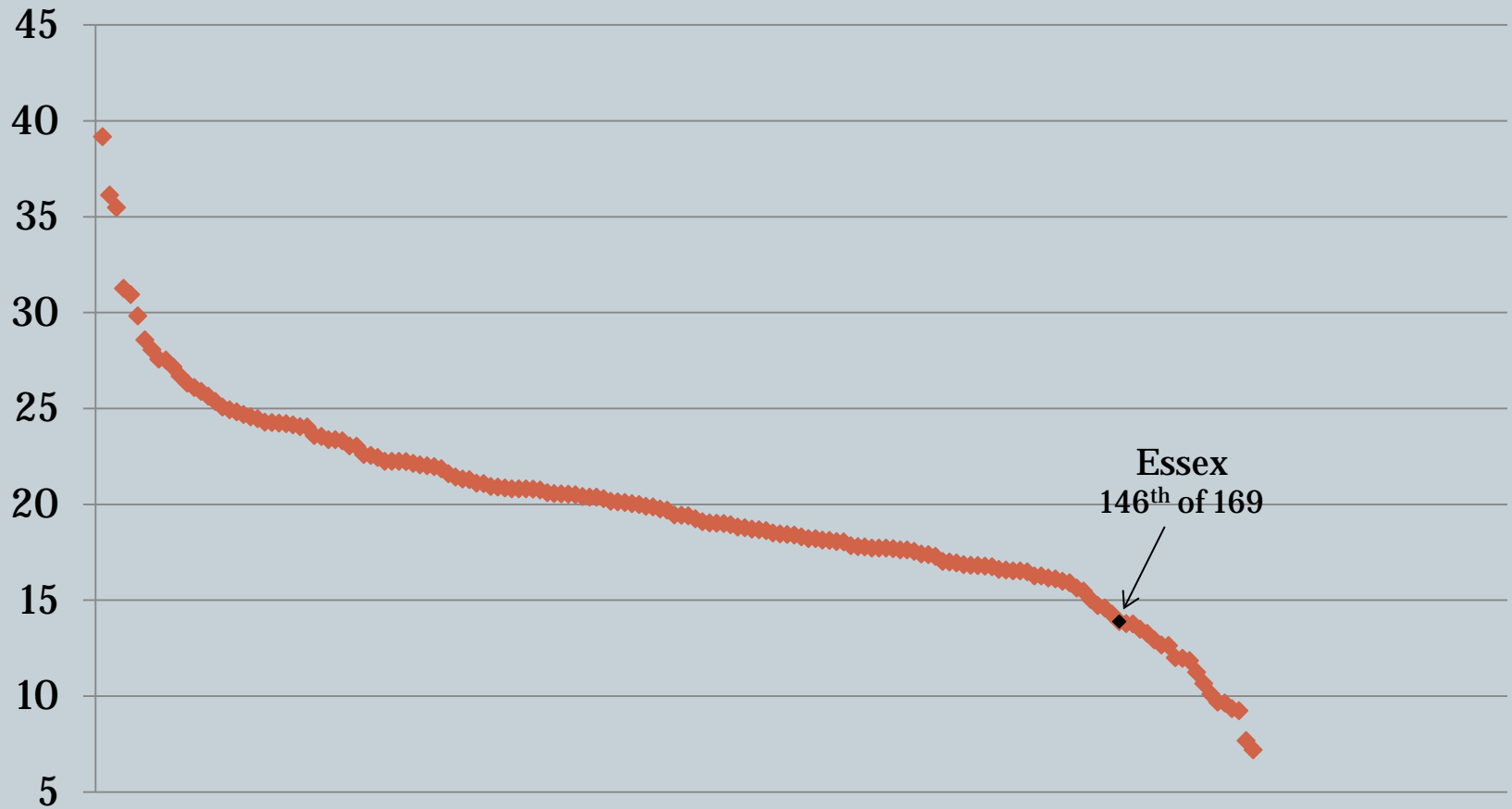


State Funding as % of Total Expenditures



Municipal Fiscal Indicators

Equalized Mill Rate



Source: OPM – Municipal Fiscal Indicators -fiscal year ended 2015

Budget Votes – Mark Your Calendar!



- **Region 4 Board of Education**

Referendum – May 2, 2017

Town Hall Auditorium – Noon to 8:00 pm

- **FY 2017-2018 Essex Budget**

Annual Town Budget Mtg – May 8, 2017

Town Hall Auditorium – 7:30 pm

Website Links



❖ Town Website:

www.essexct.gov

Monthly financial reports available under Finance Dept.

❖ Region 4 Schools website:

www.reg4.k12.ct.us

❖ State of CT – Open Data website:

<https://data.ct.gov/>

Finance Department Webpage

Home > Government > Departments > Finance

Finance Department

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Contact Info

Department Roles & Responsibilities

The Finance Department maintains the overall comprehensive financial system for the Town of Essex. Major areas of responsibility include payroll, accounts payable, asset tracking, and financial reporting. Additionally, this department plays a critical role in the budget process, annual audit and preparation of the Town's annual report.

Our mission is to:

- support the overall operations of the Town by providing timely, accurate, meaningful financial information to departments, boards, outside agencies and interested citizens
- manage and maintain financial records in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles and in compliance with State and Federal laws

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Links

- 2013 Revaluation Examples
- ANNUAL REPORTS
- APPROVED ANNUAL BUDGETS
- AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
- Board of Finance
- CAPITAL PLANNING REPORT
- CITIZENS' GUIDE - PAST ISSUES
- Citizens' Guide to the Budget 2015-2016
- Collective Bargaining Agreement - Highway Department
- Collective Bargaining Agreement - Police Department
- Fee Schedule - Town of Essex
- MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FY 2014
- MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FY 2015
- OPM-Municipal Fiscal Indicators
- PensionEdge® Plus Portal
- Proposed Fiscal Year 2015/2016 Budget -Public Hearing 4/23/2015
- Resident State Troopers Services Contract
- STEAP Grant - Civic Campus Project Contract
- State Comptroller Open Connecticut
- Vendor Contract - Reappraisal and Revaluation

Frequently Asked Questions

How does the Town budget process work?

Announcements

- Proposed FY 2015-2016 Town Government Budget
- Valley Regional Student Art Show April 21st - 24th
- Construction to begin Monday, April 20th in Ivoryton Village
- Public Forum - DRAFT Plan to Regionalize pre-K thru 6th - Tues, April 21st at 7:00pm, VRHS
- FY 2015-2016 Budget Meeting Calendar

Meeting Minutes

- Building Committee Minutes May 27, 2014
- Building Committee Minutes April 30, 2014
- Building Committee Minutes April 7, 2014
- Building Committee Minutes March 10, 2014
- Building Committee Minutes February 6, 2014