

# DURHAM BOARD OF FINANCE

## Proposed Budget FY 2023-2024

Jim Martinelli, Chairman

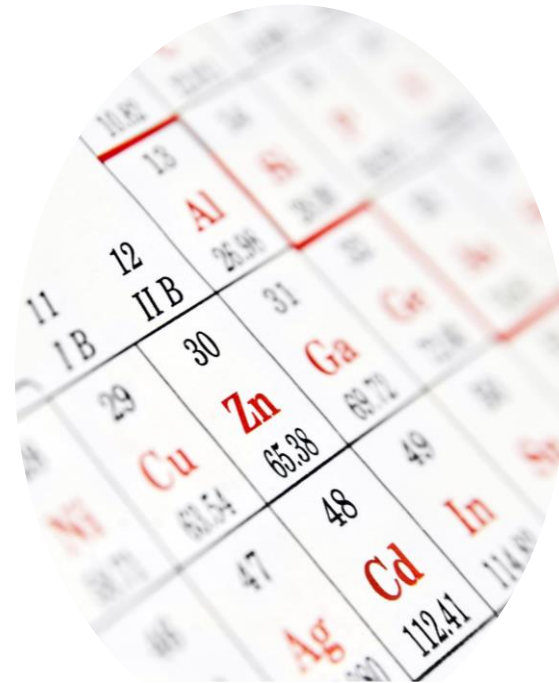
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Molly Nolan



Beth Moncata, Finance Director

**APRIL 11, 2023**

# Budget Strengths



- Consistent support of the Town Library and Resources
- Ongoing commitment to Public Safety
- Investments in Town roads, infrastructure and Town owned buildings
- Adequately funded Pension Plan
- Tax Relief Programs for Veterans, Elderly and Disabled, Public Safety Volunteers
- Low per capita Debt Service

# Budget Challenges



- Increasing the Grand List
- Rising costs associated with product, equipment, and services
- Continued increases in Municipal Solid Waste costs
- Ongoing removal of dead, dying and diseased town owned trees

# Operating Budget 2023 vs 2024

	<u>2022-23</u>	<u>2023-24</u>	<u>Change 2023 vs 2024</u>	<u>% Change 2023 vs 2024</u>
Town Operating Budget	\$ 6,645,968.00	\$ 6,756,017.00	\$ 110,049.00	1.66%
Operating Capital Budget	\$ 974,359.00	\$ 478,151.00	\$ (496,208.00)	-50.92%
Debt Service	\$ 140,474.00	\$ 137,685.00	\$ (2,789.00)	-1.98%
Total Operating Budget	<u>\$ 7,760,801.00</u>	<u>\$ 7,371,853.00</u>	<u>\$ (388,948.00)</u>	<u>-5.01%</u>

# Increases in Operating Budget Over \$5,000

	2022-23	2023-24	Change 2023 vs 2024	% Change 2023 vs 2024
Finance Department Salaries	\$ 124,260	\$ 137,460	13,200	10.62%
Blight Enforcement	\$ -	\$ 7,600	7,600	100.00%
Community Center	\$ 58,395	\$ 70,200	11,805	20.22%
Municipal Custodial Services	\$ 38,022	\$ 63,100	25,078	65.96%
Municipal Heating Fuel	\$ 41,000	\$ 79,400	38,400	93.66%
Facilities Management	\$ 69,491	\$ 86,193	16,702	24.03%
Elections Department	\$ 16,040	\$ 21,303	5,263	32.81%
Tree Warden	\$ 162,800	\$ 181,800	19,000	11.67%
Health Insurance/Benefits	\$ 608,392	\$ 707,383	98,991	16.27%
Highway Department Wages	\$ 592,053	\$ 621,828	29,775	5.03%
Highway Department Expenses	\$ 36,500	\$ 43,000	6,500	17.81%
Highways and Streets	\$ 60,400	\$ 67,435	7,035	11.65%
Pavement Preservation	\$ 280,700	\$ 309,600	28,900	10.30%
Highway Department Vehicle Maintenance	\$ 77,000	\$ 84,000	7,000	9.09%
Library Wages	\$ 394,673	\$ 409,090	14,417	3.65%
DMIAAB	\$ 304,326	\$ 318,398	14,072	4.62%

# Decreases in Operating Budget Over \$5,000

	2022-23	2023-24	Change 2023 vs 2024	% Change 2023 vs 2024
First Selectmen's Salary	\$ 95,941	\$ 55,966	(39,975)	-41.67%
First Selectmen's Office Staff Salaries	\$ 67,738	\$ 57,932	(9,806)	-14.48%
Information Technology	\$ 160,334	\$ 143,144	(17,190)	-10.72%
Town Engineering	\$ 44,000	\$ 39,000	(5,000)	-11.36%
Planning & Zoning Commission	\$ 108,497	\$ 69,500	(38,997)	-35.94%
Conservation Commission	\$ 21,500	\$ 10,825	(10,675)	-49.65%
Employee Retirement Plan	\$ 221,226	\$ 207,026	(14,200)	-6.42%
Catch Basin Cleaning and Repair	\$ 91,400	\$ 38,000	(53,400)	-58.42%
Resident State Trooper Staff	\$ 361,100	\$ 301,279	(59,821)	-16.57%
Transportation	\$ 36,500	\$ 19,870	(16,630)	-45.56%
Farmers Market	\$ 11,000	\$ 1,500	(9,500)	-86.36%

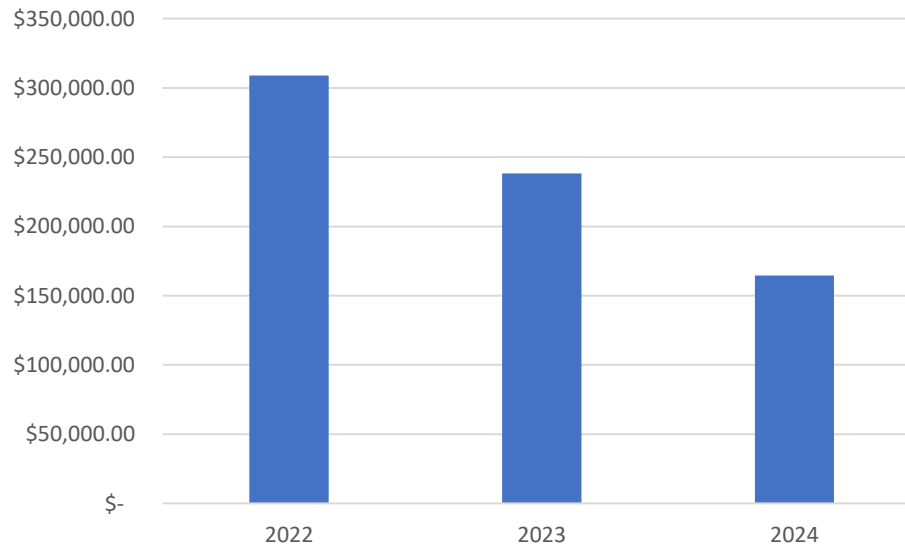
# Changes in Operating Revenue

Building Permits	\$ 75,000	\$ 90,000	15,000	20.00%
Town Clerk Conveyance Tax	\$ 80,000	\$ 90,000	10,000	12.50%
Bottle Bill Revenue	\$ -	\$ 4,513	4,513	100.00%
Senior Board Activity Fee (Senior Bus)	\$ 21,055	\$ -	(21,055)	-100.00%
Library Cash Receipts	\$ 10,000	\$ 5,000	(5,000)	-50.00%
Bank Interest Earnings	\$ 10,000	\$ 95,000	85,000	850.00%
Town Planner Salary Reimbursement	\$ 50,265	\$ -	(50,265)	-100.00%
Other Local	\$ 381,974	\$ 389,639	7,665	2.01%
<b>Total Local Revenue</b>	\$ 918,294	\$ 974,152	55,858	6.08%
<b>State Revenue</b>				
State Grants	\$ 726,235	\$ 972,889	246,654	33.96%
Board of Education/Educational Share Grant	\$ 3,174,726	\$ 3,208,722	33,996	1.07%
<b>Total Revenue</b>	\$ 4,819,255	\$ 5,155,763	\$ 336,508	6.98%

# Proposed Capital Allocations

## Capital

Fire Pond Repair	\$	10,000
Emergency Management Lighting	\$	3,250
Guardrail Replacement Program	\$	45,000
Sidewalk Project Engineering	\$	94,000
Library Outdoor Book Return Receptacle	\$	10,600
Library Dishwasher/Refridgerator Replacement	\$	1,800
<b>Total Capital Allocations</b>	\$	<b>164,650</b>





# Proposed Reserve Allocations

## Reserve

Planning and Zoning Plan of Conservation and Development	\$	15,750
Tax Assessor Revaluation Reserve	\$	19,700
Election Department Tabulator Replacement	\$	10,000
Conservation Commission Maintenance Reserve	\$	10,989
Conservation Commission Future Open Space	\$	4,000
Fire Apparatus Reserve	\$	140,000
Fire Pond Replacement Plan	\$	7,000
Fire Hose Replacement Plan	\$	2,500
Fire House Trustees Painting of Bays	\$	4,000
Fire House Trustees/Fire House Expansion	\$	125,000
Animal Control Vehicle Replacement Plan	\$	1,000
Emergency Mgmnt Mobile Message Board	\$	12,000
Emergency Mgmnt AED Replacement Plan	\$	5,300
Public Works Vehicle/Equipment Reserve	\$	180,000
Public Works Major Culvert Repair Reserve	\$	100,000
Library Carpet Replacement Plan	\$	17,500
Library Painting Reserve	\$	20,200

# Proposed Reserve Allocations (Cont.)

Library Furniture Replacement Plan	\$	7,650
Building Reserve/Maintenance Plan	\$	70,000
Building Reserve/Unanticipated Repairs	\$	10,000
Building Reserve/New Construction/Renovations	\$	55,000
	\$	<u>817,589</u>
Transfer In from Undesignated Fund Balance		
Motor Vehicle Property Tax Grant FY22-23	\$	(249,847)
Municipal Revenue Sharing Grant FY22-23	\$	(142,241)
Appropriation of Interest Earned	\$	<u>(112,000)</u>
<b>Total Reserve Allocations</b>	\$	<b>313,501</b>

# ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) Reductions to Capital/Reserve As Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

## **Project**

Durham Middlefield Youth and Family Services Grant Shortfall	\$	20,000
Economic Development Business Outreach and Marketing	\$	30,000
Allyn Brook Park Playground Equipment Replacement	\$	200,000
Fire House Trustees/41 Main Street Building Improvements	\$	75,000
Communications/Emergency Operations Center Console Replacement	\$	<u>100,000</u>
<b>Total ARPA Reductions to Capital/Reserve Requests</b>	\$	<b>425,000</b>

The amount of ARPA reductions are just a “part” of Durham’s funding award.

Per Town Ordinance 3.5-4. The Board of Selectmen will be scheduling a public hearing to receive public input on the plan.

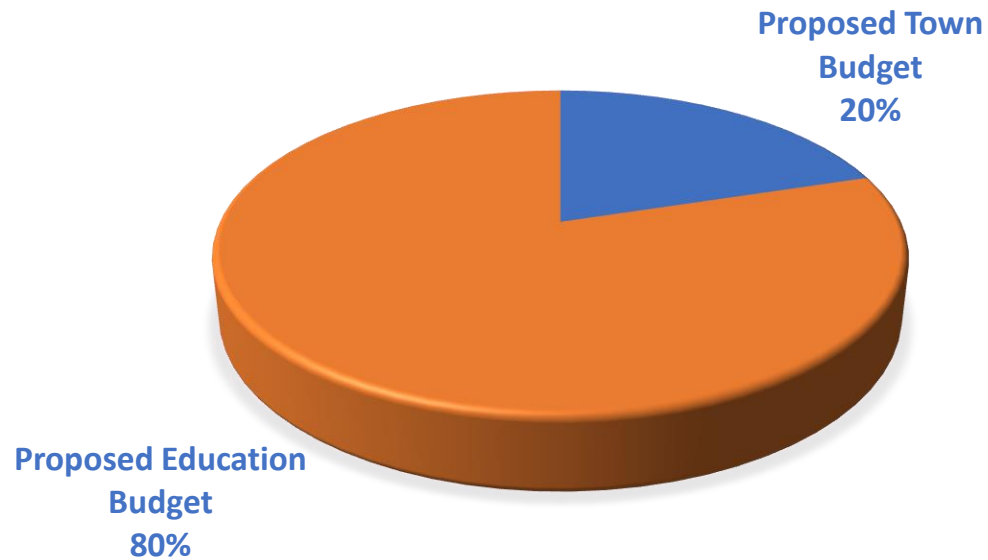
# Resident State Trooper Staff Update

## Six Months of Data

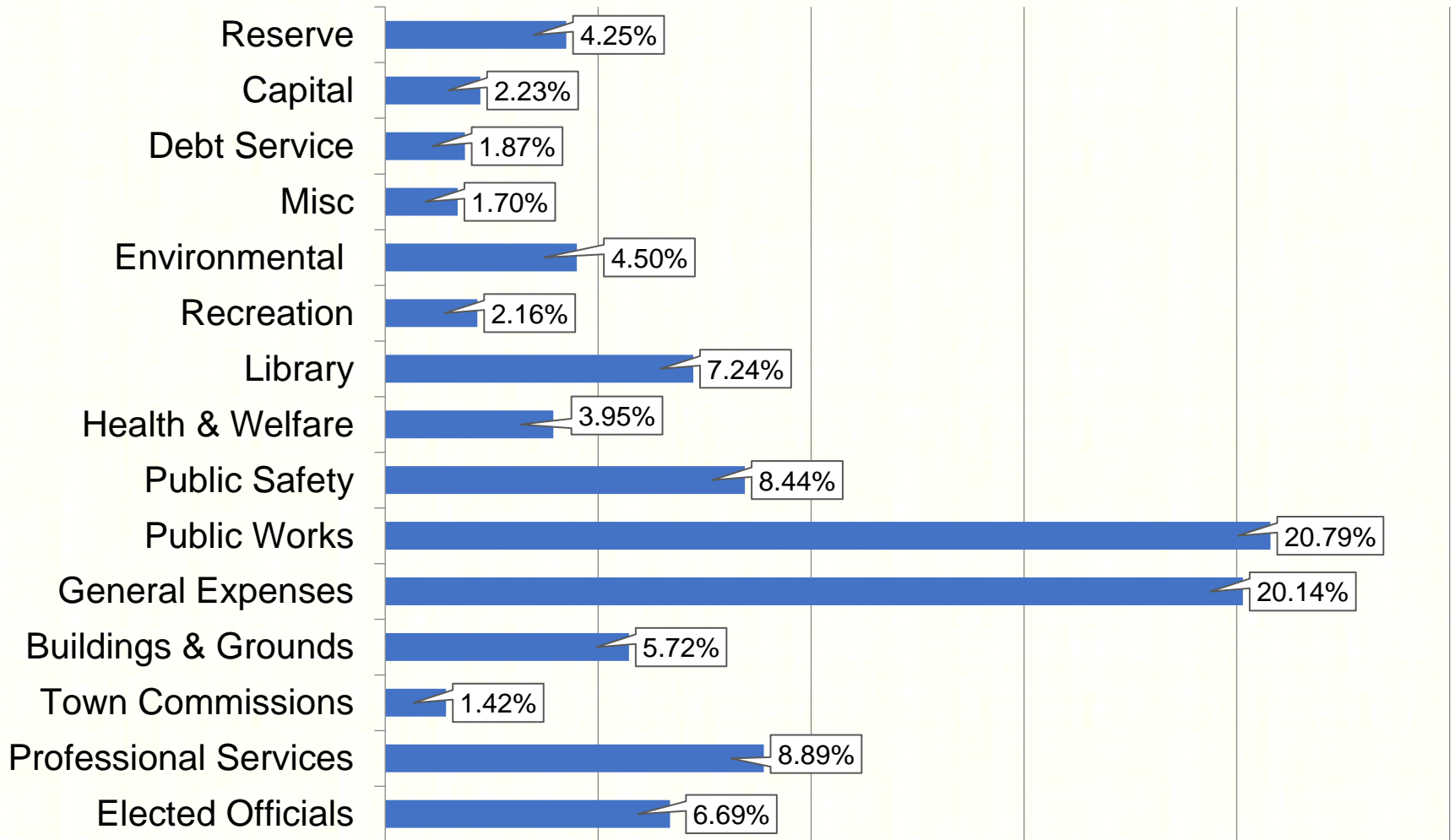
Town of Durham Residents approved the appropriation of an additional Resident State Trooper for evening shift coverage in the fiscal year 2022-2023 budget. The statistics shown below demonstrate the need of the additional Trooper which speaks volumes to the success of local coverage. It should be noted that there is a reduction in the FY23-24 salary line in this budget due to the rank and step associated with the Trooper that was positioned in Durham.

<b>July 2022 - December 2022</b>	<b>Day Trooper</b>	<b>Night Trooper</b>
Total Calls for Service	262	667
Accidents	10	11
Fatal Accidents	0	0
DWI	0	3
Other Reportables	6	18
Non Reportables	226	580
Motorist Assists	2	4
Traffic Stops	15	54
Citations	1	6
Warnings	14	46

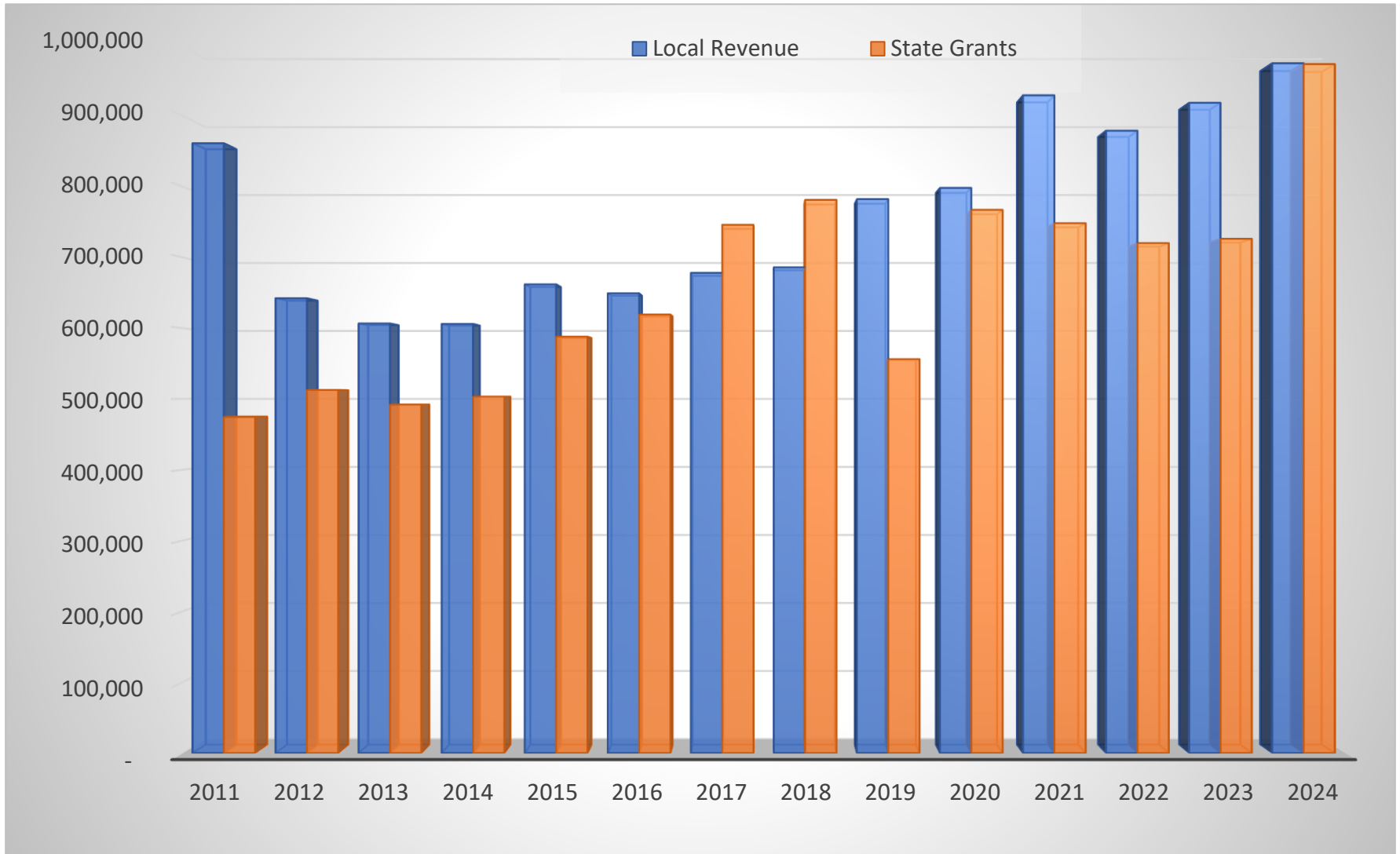
# Town vs Education Budget



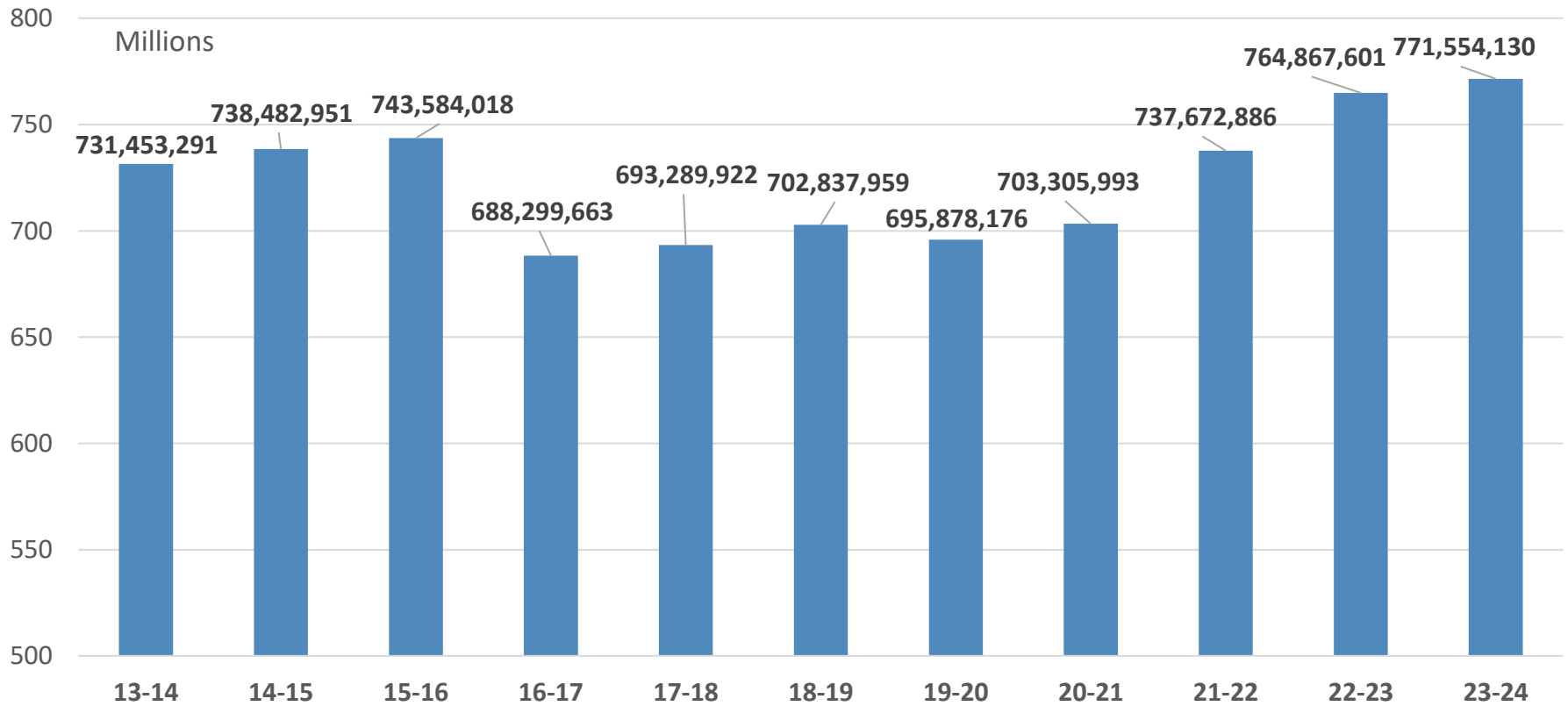
# Town Budget % by Category



# Changes in State & Local Revenue



# Budgetary Grand Lists

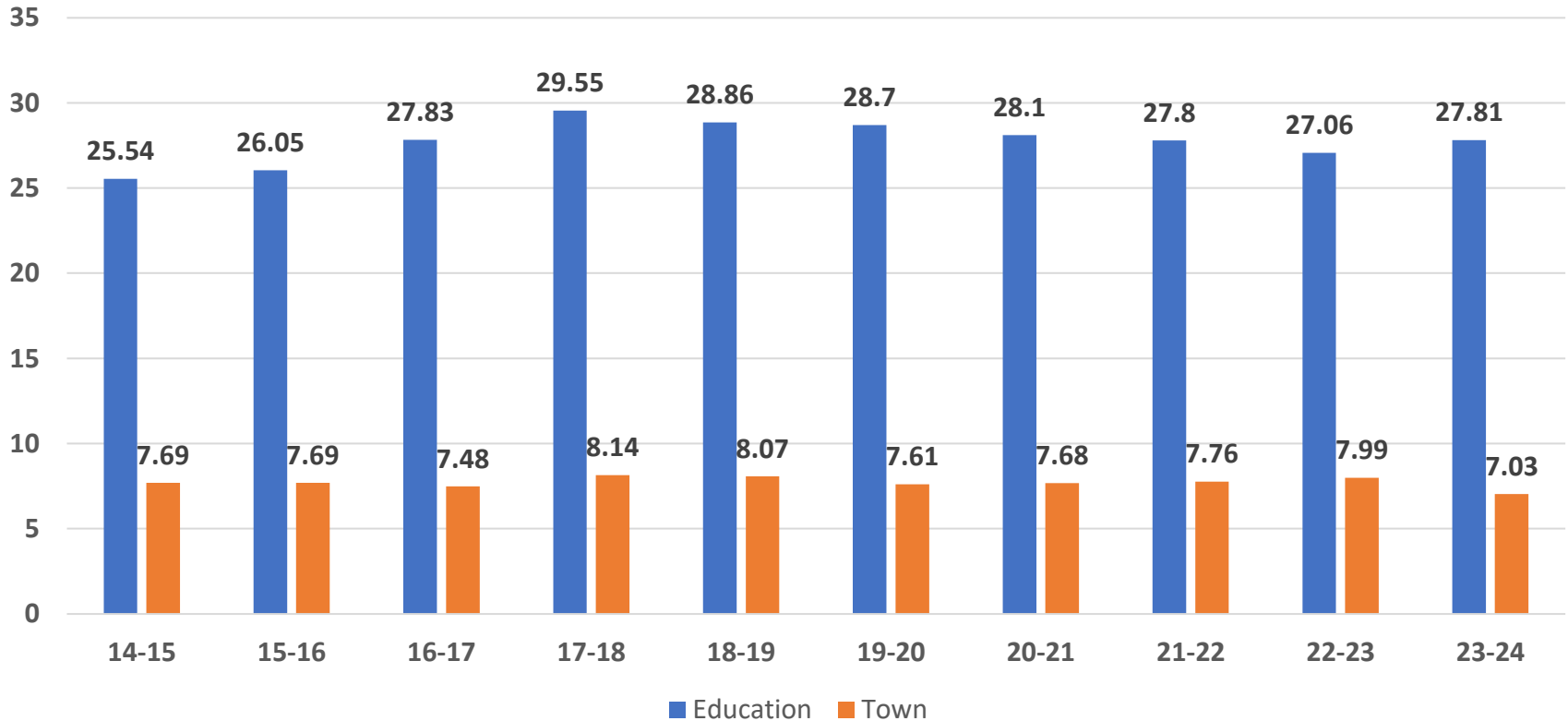


Budgetary Grand List Increase over last year \$6,686,529 or .87%



# Town vs Education

## Comparison of Previous Years Mill Rates



Mill Rate Based on Durham's PROPOSED Share of RSD#13 Budget

# Overview: **Change** in Budget

Increase In Grand List (budgetary)	\$ 6,686,529
Increase in Operating Expenses	\$ 107,260
Decrease in Capital and Reserve Funding	\$ (496,208)
Increase in Local Revenue	\$ 55,858
Increase in State Revenue	\$ 246,654
Net Town Budget Decrease	<u>\$ (691,460)</u>
Estimated Increase in Durham's Share of Reg. District #13	\$ 1,166,891
Estimated Increase in Educational Cost Sharing Grant	\$ 33,996
Estimated Real Estate/Personal Property Mill Rate	34.84

# Conclusion

**Budgetary Grand List Up .87%**

**Net Town Budget Down 11.3%**

- Total Expenditures Down 5.03%
- Total Revenues Up 1.18%

**Year Over Year Analysis:**

- Mills needed to support Town 7.03
- **Proposed Mill Rate 34.84**

# Estimate Your Taxes

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- Go to:
- [www.townofdurhamct.org](http://www.townofdurhamct.org)
  
- **Municipal Government Tab**
- **Departments & Officials**
- **Assessor**
- **Assessment Data On-Line**
  
- To calculate your *estimated* taxes:
- Multiply your assessment by the proposed mill rate and divide by 1,000

# Questions - Public Comment

- Discussion will start with the members of the public in-person first and then move to members of the public via ZOOM
- Members of the public via ZOOM, please “stay muted” and use the “raise your hand” feature
- When stating your question or comment, please state your name clearly for the record

Thank you