

**2016 ANNUAL TOWN & SCHOOL BUDGET
MINUTES AND ELECTION RESULTS
FEBRUARY 29, 2016 & MARCH 1, 2016**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Moderator Cecelia Hunt.

Moderator Hunt discussed the procedures and rules we would be following for this evenings meeting.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Selectboard members Robert Richards, Chairman, Jeff Sheldon, Rod Holzworth, Richard Frazier, and Sean Galvin. Town Manager, Herbert Durfee, III and Town Clerk, Suzanne Dechame.

The town is also holding a bond vote and discussion of that Article will be first.

Moderator Hunt read the Warning for the bond vote with discussion following, a hand out was also provided to explain what and where the improvements of the water distribution system are happening. A representative from the engineering firm Forcier and Aldrich provided an overview of the project. Town Manger, Herb Durfee also spoke on the history of the water distribution system and conditions the hydrants and water lines are in. Discussion on this matter lasted till 8:01, when this discussion was ended to resume on March 1, 2016 for ballot voting from 10:AM to 7:PM at the American Legion Hall. (Handout is attached)

Article 1. Shall general obligation bond of Town of Fair Haven in an amount not to exceed two million one hundred twenty thousand dollars (\$2,120,000), subject to reduction from available state and federal construction grant-in-aid and other financial assistance, be issued for the purpose of financing the cost of making improvements to the public water system, namely, replacement of distribution waterlines, such improvements estimated to cost two million one hundred twenty thousand dollars (\$2,120,000)?

YES 478

NO 241

PASSED

Representatives Robert Helm and William Canfield updated everyone on what was happening in the Legislature.

Mr. Helm spoke about the Marjuana Act, Act 46, Logging Resolution and Issues that might happen for Slate Quarries.

Mr. Canfield spoke about Education Funding, Act 46, Fee bill, DMV Funding and Lottery for Education.

Discussion of Fair Haven Town School District began at 8:25 PM.

Present: Don Knapp, Chair, Michael Bache and David Carrabino. Principal Wayne (Skip) Cooke, Patricia Davenport, Director of Student Life and Deborah Smith, Asst Prin./Adm Sp Ed Services.

Moderator Hunt read the warning.

Article 1. To act on the report of the Town School District officers. Motion by Roseanne VanLew to approve, seconded by Jenny Kendal. All in favor. Motion Passed

Article 2. To establish salaries as budgeted and payment of other school related expenses for the directors and other elected officers of the Town School District. Motion by Michael Bache to approve, seconded by Roseanne VanLew. All in favor. Motion Passed

Article 3. To see if the Town School District will authorize the School Directors to borrow money to meet the current expenses of the District until funds can be realized from the State of Vermont. Motion by Claire Stanley to approve, seconded by Francis Owen. All in favor. Motion Passed.

Article 4 To have presented by the Board of Directors its estimates of the expenses for the ensuing year. This is a public informational hearing regarding the budget and other articles (Articles 6 – 11).

Article 6. . To elect a Moderator for a tern of one year; two school directors for terms of one year each, one school director for a term of three years to the Fair Haven Town School Board.

School Moderator	Cecelia "Ceil" Hunt	679
Grade School Director 1 yr vote 2	Tara Buxton	577
	Teresa Perry	522
Grade School Director 3 yrs	David J. Carrabino	613

Article 7. To elect one school director for terms of three years to the Fair Haven Union High School Board.
FHUHS Director 3 yrs Roy L. Eckler 598

Article 8. Shall the voters of the school district approve the school board to expend \$5,352,235, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$14,051.72 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 7.9% higher that spending for the current year.*

*[It is estimated that this proposed budget and the following article(s), if approved, will result in total educational spending of \$14,070.98 per equalized pupil. This projected total spending per equalized pupil is 8.10% higher than spending for the current year.]

Budget and Principal Wayne Cooke addressed the audience. Stated budget up \$38,000, lost some income students from West Haven. Fair Haven Grade School is now pre-k (3 and 4 year olds) through grade 8.

YES 345 NO 378 DEFEATED

Article 9. To see if the voters of the Town School District will vote to authorize the Board of Directors to reserve an amount of \$2,000 in a special reserve fund to be utilized for the sole purpose of repairing the roof of the school building when such repairs become necessary. No Discussion

YES 541 NO 189 PASSED

Article 10. To see if the voters of the Town School District will vote to authorize the Board of Directors to reserve an amount of \$2,000 in a special reserve fund to be utilized for the sole purpose of purchasing school vehicles whenever such becomes necessary. School owns a box van and a truck with plow.

YES 475 NO 253 PASSED

Article 11. To see if the voters of the Town School District will vote to authorize the Board of Directors to reserve an amount of \$2,000 in a special reserve fund to be utilized for the sole purpose of boiler replacements and other capital improvements whenever such becomes necessary Mr. Cooke discussed funding these articles and how handy and important it comes in.

YES 539 NO 184 PASSED

Article 5. Principal Cooke acknowledged Don Knapp for 18 years of service to the board. A big Thank You.

Discussion adjourned at 8:47 PM and will resume on March 1, 2016 for ballot voting from 10AM to 7PM at the American Legion Hall, Route 22A Fair Haven.

Discussion of Town Budget

ARTICLE 1. Shall the voters of Fair Haven vote to accept the Town Officers' Report? No Discussion.

YES 657 NO 39 PASSED

ARTICLE 2. Shall the voters of Fair Haven vote to elect officers for the following terms?

Moderator for 1 year; Second Constable for 2 years; Town Clerk for 3 years; two Selectmen each for 1 year; one Selectmen for 3 years; Lister for 3 years; Trustee of Public Funds for 3 years; Town Auditor for 3 years; Town Auditor for 2 years of a 3 year term, Grand Juror for 1 year; Town Agent for 1 year; Library Trustee for 5 years; Library Trustee for 3 years and, Library Trustee for 1 year. No Discussion.

YES 670 NO 31 PASSED

Moderator, 1 year	Cecelia "Ceil" Hunt	679
Second Constable, 2 years	Shane M. Carvey	327
	Sean Galvin	341 WINNER
Selectmen, 1 year vote for 2	Chris Cole	508 WINNER
	Richard "Dick" Frazier	358 WINNER
	Sean Galvin	320
Selectmen, 3 years	Jeff Sheldon	649
Town Clerk, 3 years	Suzanne Dechame, CVC	686
Grand Juror, 1 year	Shaun Tomasi	38 Write-in votes

Town Agent, 1 year	Shaun Tomasi	41 Write-in votes
Lister, 3 years	open	
Auditor, 3 years	Glen Roberts	562
Auditor, 2 years of 3 year	Tawnya M. Eaton	622
Library Trustee, 5 years	open	
Library Trustee, 3 years	Judy Sheldon	667
Library Trustee, 1 year	Nathan Morris	627
Trustee of Public Funds 3 yrs	open	

ARTICLE 3. Shall the voters of Fair Haven vote to appropriate for fiscal year 2016-17 the sum of \$72,570 to support the **Library**? No Discussion.

YES 547 NO 159 PASSED

ARTICLE 4. Shall the voters of Fair Haven vote to appropriate for fiscal year 2016-17 the sum of \$27,340 as its share of the fiscal year 2016-17 **Fair Haven Rescue Squad** budget? No Discussion.

YES 621 NO 86 PASSED

ARTICLE 5. Shall the voters of Fair Haven vote to appropriate for fiscal year 2016-17 the sum of \$29,500 to support **Fair Haven Concerned Inc.**, a program which organizes and coordinates services necessary to meet the needs of the citizens of the Town of Fair Haven? Rev. Hudson Knapp spoke on behalf of Fair Haven Concerned and thanked everyone for their support.

YES 555 NO 151 PASSED

ARTICLE 6. Shall the voters of Fair Haven vote to appropriate for fiscal year 2016/17 the sum of \$2,739 for the support of **Rutland Mental Health Services** so that these services can be maintained? No Discussion.

YES 513 NO 191 PASSED

ARTICLE 7. Shall the voters of Fair Haven vote to appropriate for fiscal year 2016-17, the sum of \$2,725 to support the programs and services of **BROC— Community Action in Southwestern Vermont**? No Discussion.

YES 441 NO 261 PASSED

ARTICLE 8. Shall the voters of Fair Haven vote to appropriate for fiscal year 2016-17 the sum of \$1,800 for the **Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging** to provide elder services to residents of the Town? No Discussion.

YES 599 NO 105 PASSED

ARTICLE 9. Shall the voters of Fair Haven vote to appropriate for fiscal year 2016-17 the sum of \$975 to support **RSVP and the Volunteer Center**? No Discussion.

YES 506 NO 194 PASSED

ARTICLE 10. Shall the voters of Fair Haven vote to appropriate for fiscal year 2016-17 the sum of \$7,087 to support the **Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice** (\$660 to support Rutland Area Hospice and \$6427 to support RAVNAH Home and Community Health Services)? No Discussion.

YES 592 NO 114 PASSED

ARTICLE 11. Shall the voters of Fair Haven vote to appropriate for fiscal year 2016-17 the sum of \$3,500 to support the **Association for Retarded Citizens — Rutland Area** d/b/a ARC- Rutland Area?

YES 507 NO 191 PASSED

ARTICLE 12. Shall the voters of Fair Haven vote to appropriate for fiscal year 2016-17 the sum of \$3,500 for the support of the **Castleton Community Seniors, Inc.** (The Old Homestead) senior bus transportation and wellness programs? No Discussion.

YES 552 NO 150 PASSED

ARTICLE 13. Shall the voters of Fair Haven vote to appropriate for fiscal year 2016-17 the sum of \$2,500 for the support of the **Marble Valley Regional Transit District's** (The Bus) public transit service to the residents of the Town? No Discussion.

YES 534

NO 167

PASSED

ARTICLE 14. Shall the voters of Fair Haven vote to designate the Town of Fair Haven as a Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) District to enable participating property owners to access funding for eligible energy efficiency and renewable energy projects, which would be a municipal assessment on that property owner's property as provided for by 24 V.S.A. Chapter 87 (Section 3261 et seq.) and authorize the Selectboard to enter into an agreement with Vermont Energy Investment Corporation d/b/a/ Efficiency Vermont to operate the PACE program, including the processing of all application and regular billing. Much discussion and questions on this article. Solar, other agencies doing same thing.

YES 450

NO 244

PASSED

ARTICLE 15. Shall the voters of Fair Haven vote to approve the Selectboard's budget of **\$1,953,403** (minus \$473,540 anticipated revenue) of which \$1,479,863 is to be raised by taxes? \$65,000 increase explained by Town Manager and handouts. (Handout is attached)

Yes 419

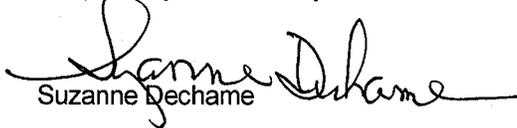
NO 289

PASSED

ARTICLE 22. To transact any other business properly to be done at the annual Town Meeting. This years Town Report was dedicated to Marsh Hudson-Knapp and he was acknowledged for his dedication to Fair Haven.

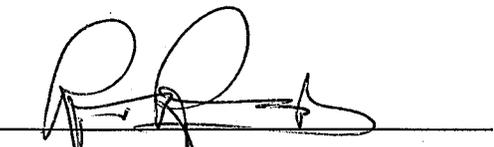
Meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM and will resume on March 1, 2016 for ballot voting from 10AM to 7PM at the American Legion Hall, Route 22A Fair Haven.

Respectfully submitted by


Suzanne Dechame

Town Clerk/Treasurer

Approved by



Robert Richards, Chairman



Cecelia Hunt, Moderator

TOWN OF FAIR HAVEN BOND VOTE INFORMATION WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

When are the public information meetings?

Public Information Meeting No. 1

Fair Haven Town Hall
Tuesday, February 16, 2016
7:00 p.m.

Public Information Meeting No. 2

Fair Haven Grade School Auditorium
Monday, February 29, 2016
7:00 p.m.

When is the bond vote?

Bond Vote

American Legion Post #49
Tuesday, March 1, 2016
10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

What water system improvements are included in the project?

Waterline Replacement Summary

Item Description	Original Dia. (in.)	Proposed Dia. (in.)	Length (ft.)
North Main St	4	8	1,000
4 th Street	6	8	1,000
Mechanic Street	4	8	600
Maple Street	4	8	800
Liberty Street	4	8	450
Pine Street	4	8	275
Route 4A	4	8	375
(aka Capitol Hill)	---	---	---
Dutton Avenue	4	8	675
Depot Street	4	8	800
Total Length of Replacement			5,975

Note:

- All new waterlines will be 8" PVC.
- New services will be installed up to the edge of the Right-of-Way.
- Includes installation of new fire hydrants at approximately 500' intervals.



North Main Street

- Between the intersections of Allen Street and 4th Street.

4th Street

- Between the intersections of Caernarvon Street and North Main Street.

Mechanic Street

- Between the intersections of Second Street and 4th Street.

Maple Street

- Between the intersections of North Main Street and Cottage Street.

Liberty Street

- Between the intersection of North Main Street and Cottage Street.

Pine Street

- Beginning at the intersection with 4th Street and up to Hydrant 49.

Route 4A (aka Capitol Hill)

- Beginning at the intersection with North Main Street and up to Hydrant 34.

Dutton Avenue

- Beginning at the intersection of 4th Street and up to Hydrant 35.

Depot Street

- Beginning at the intersection of River Street and up to Hydrant 86.

Why are the water system improvements required?

- Recent fire flow tests and hydraulic analysis has provided evidence of inadequate fire flows on the aforementioned streets.
- Recent hydraulic analysis has shown that the following waterlines are aging and deteriorating.
- Replaces original, smaller diameter cast iron waterlines which are subject to leaks and will minimize disruptions to customers and eliminate costly repairs.
- Improves the pressure and fire flow to the waterline areas and additionally strengthens the hydraulics and fire flow

TOWN OF FAIR HAVEN

BOND VOTE INFORMATION

WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

capacity to other areas within the distribution system.

- The State Drinking Water and Groundwater Protection Division specifies that the minimum size of water mains for providing fire protection shall be 8" diameter.

What is the project cost and bond amount?

Estimated Construction Costs

Item Description	Estimated Cost
North Main St	\$260,000
4 th Street	\$255,000
Mechanic Street	\$190,000
Maple Street	\$200,000
Liberty Street	\$120,000
Pine Street	\$85,000
Route 4A (aka Capitol Hill)	\$140,000
Dutton Avenue	\$180,000
Depot Street	\$175,000
Total	\$1,605,000

Total Bond Amount

Item Description	Estimated Cost
Opinion of Total Project Cost	\$2,120,000
Total Funding Requirement	\$2,120,000
Total Bond Amount	\$2,120,000

What are the available funding sources?

USDA Rural Development

Funding through the USDA Rural Development (RD) program is with grant/loan terms estimated to be 2.625% (Intermediate Rate) for 30 to 40 years. Depending on the median household income the Town could qualify for a lower interest rate and grant up to 45%. It is anticipated that the loan rate will be 2.625% for 30 years, with a 25% grant. Based on this information the annual loan payment for the USDA RD \$2,120,000 loan is approximately \$77,250. USDA RD cannot issue a funding offer until a positive bond vote has passed.

What is the projected impact on the current Water Rates?

A typical Town residential water customer pays a base rate of about \$31.20 per quarter. In order to fund the recommended improvements, the future debt would need to be applied to the base rate. A typical residential customer is anticipated to see their water base rate increase up to \$86.80 per year (\$21.70 per quarter). The debt repayment for the proposed upgrades to the water system will be paid by the water system customers only.

What is the project schedule?

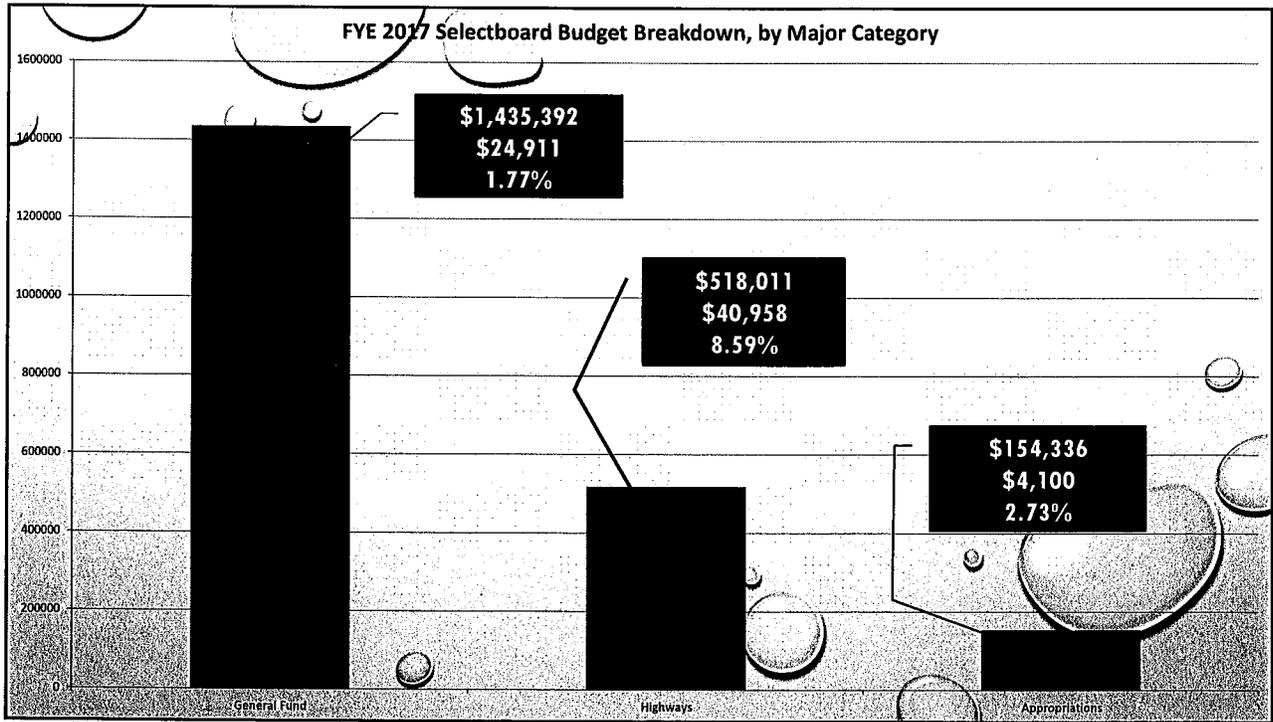
Project Date		Task
2016	March 1	Bond Vote
	April	Begin Final Design
	December	Complete Final Design
2017	February	Advertise for Bids
	March	Contract Award
	April	Begin Construction
	August	Complete Construction
2018	August	End of One-Year Warranty Period

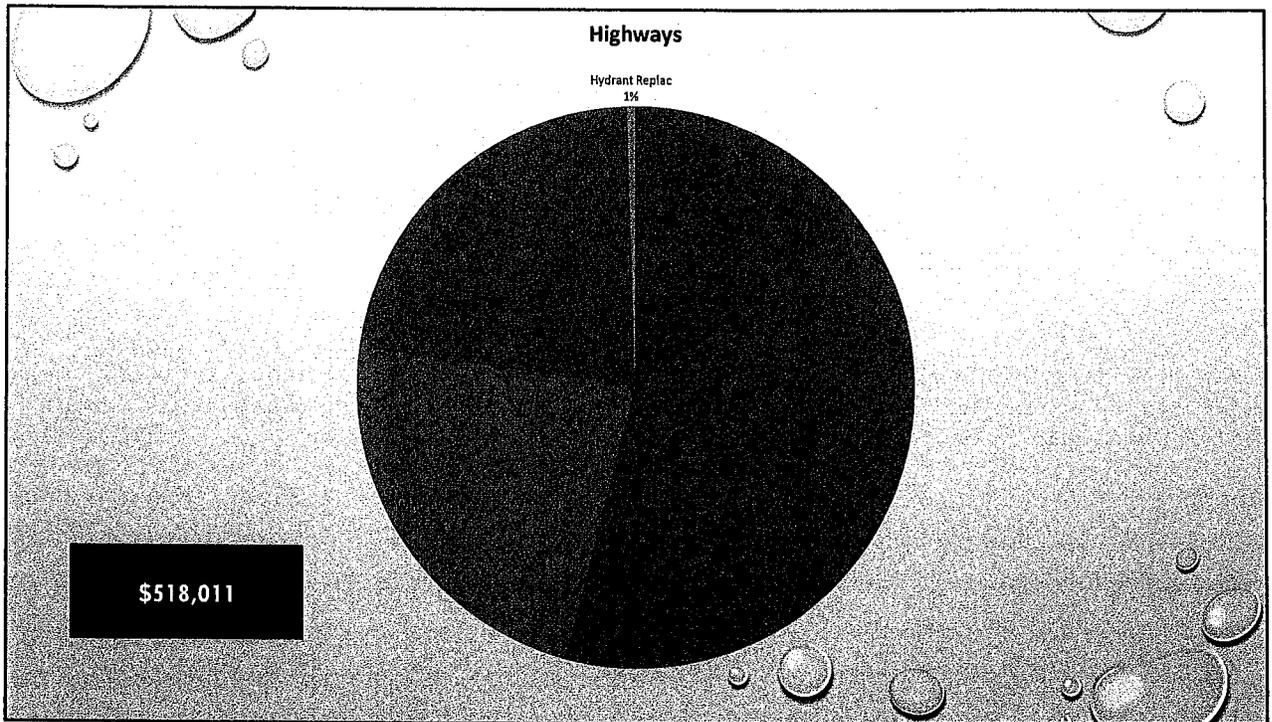
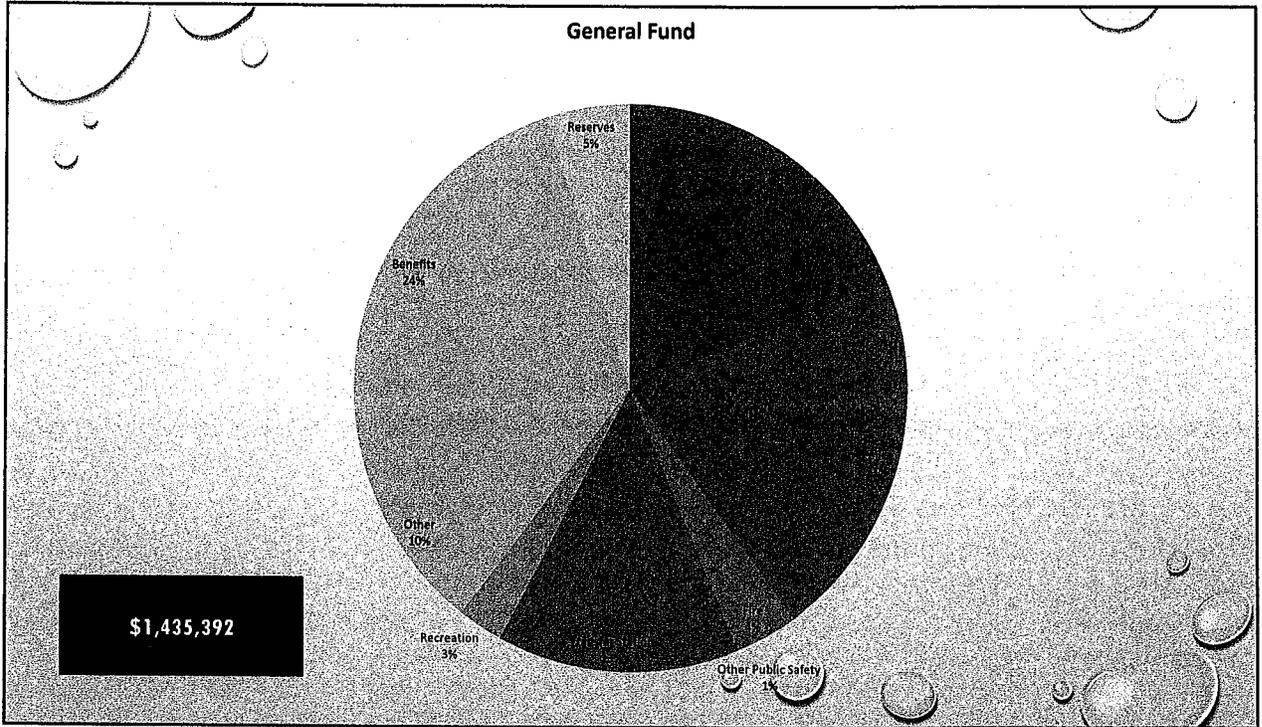
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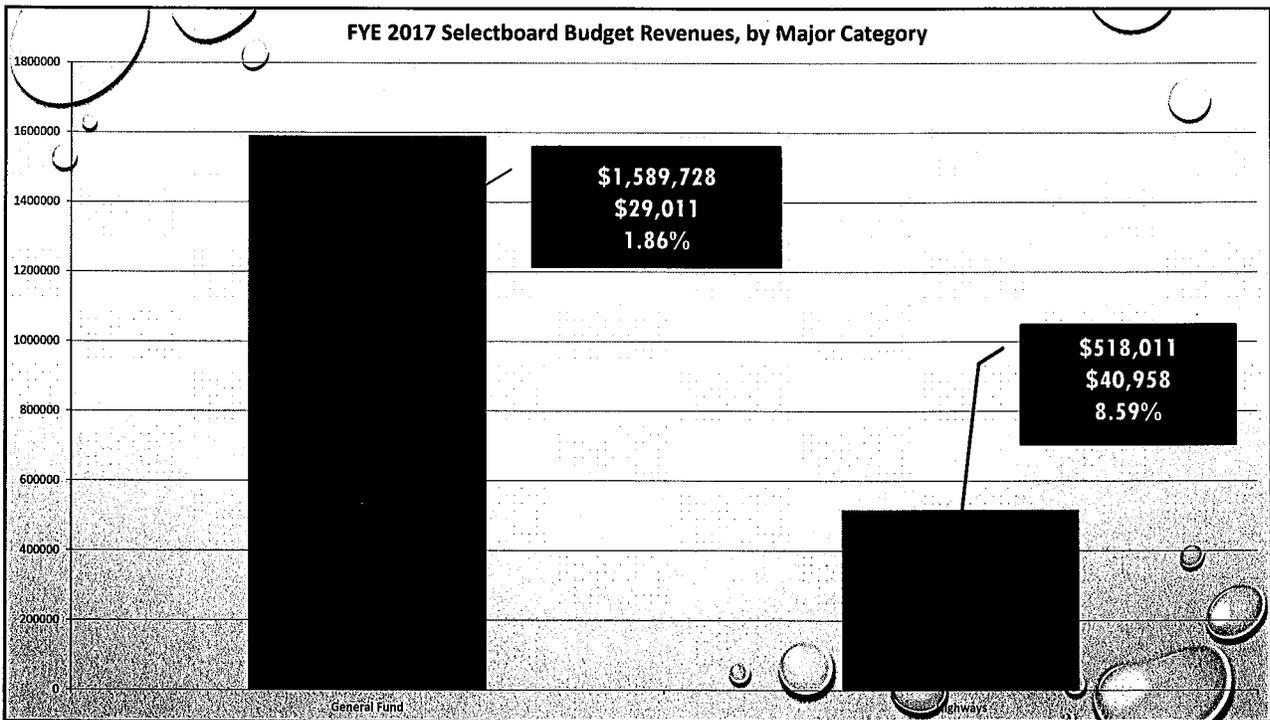
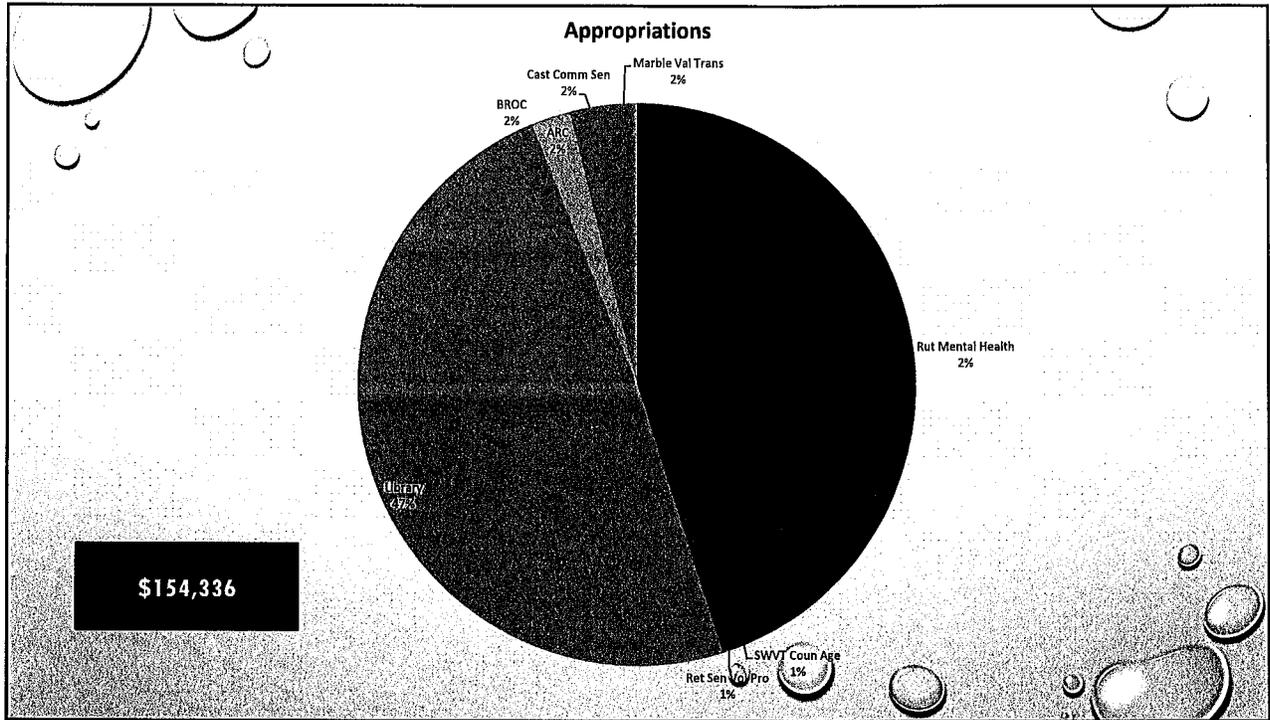
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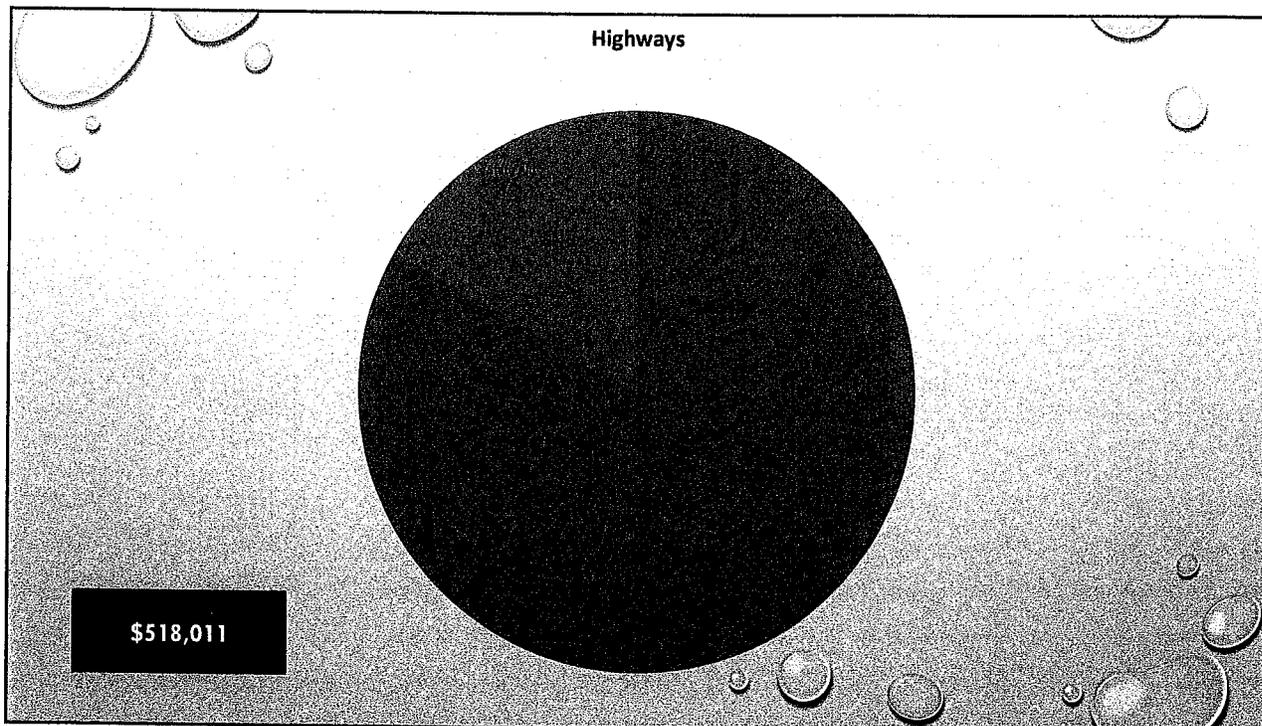
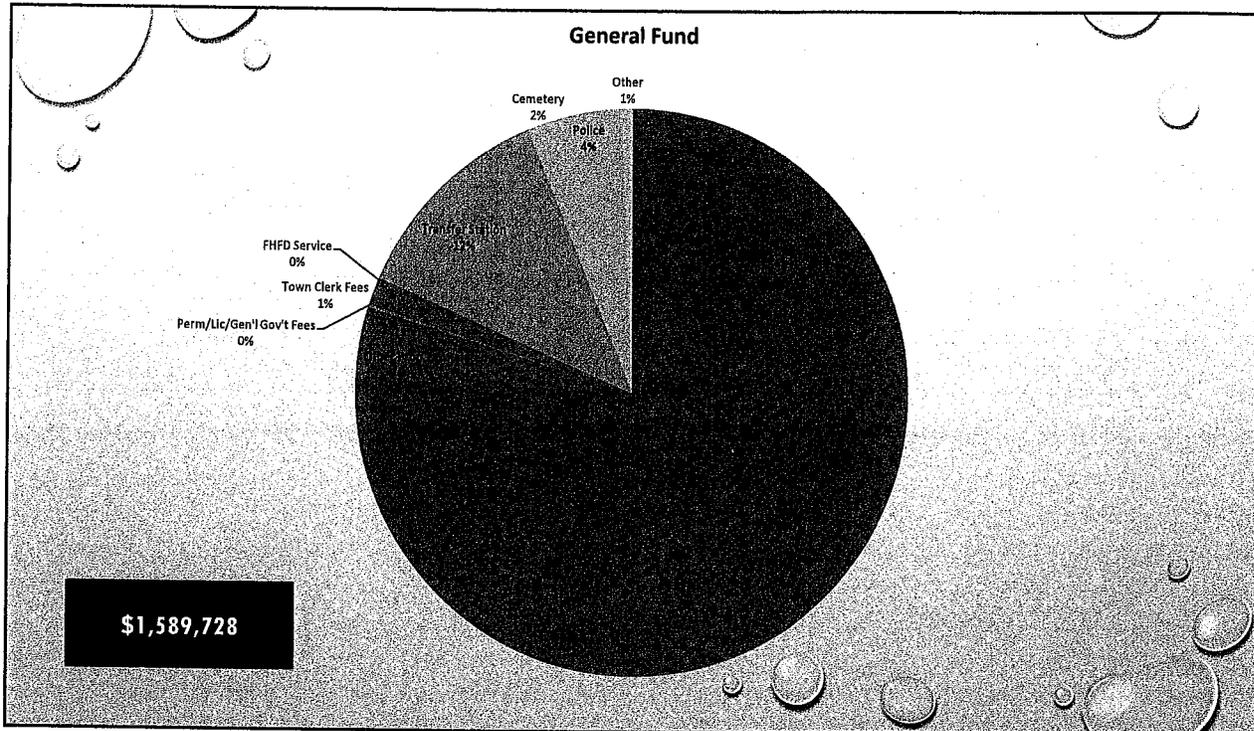
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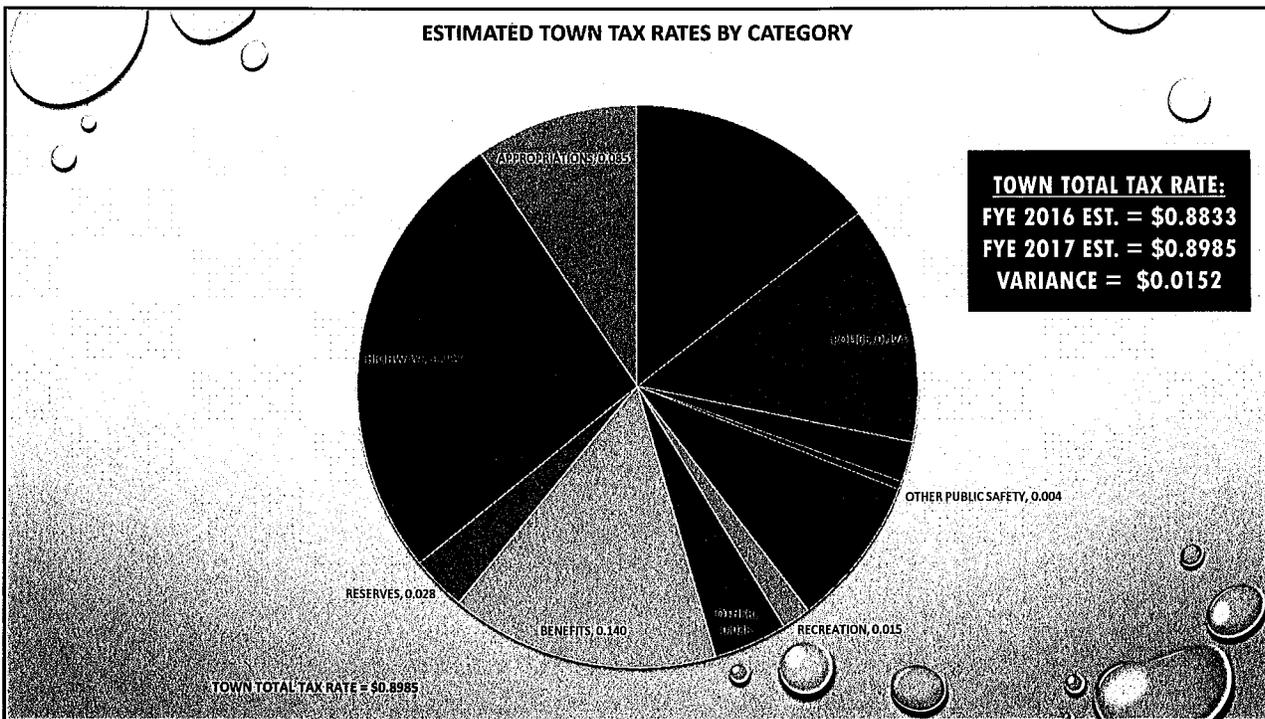
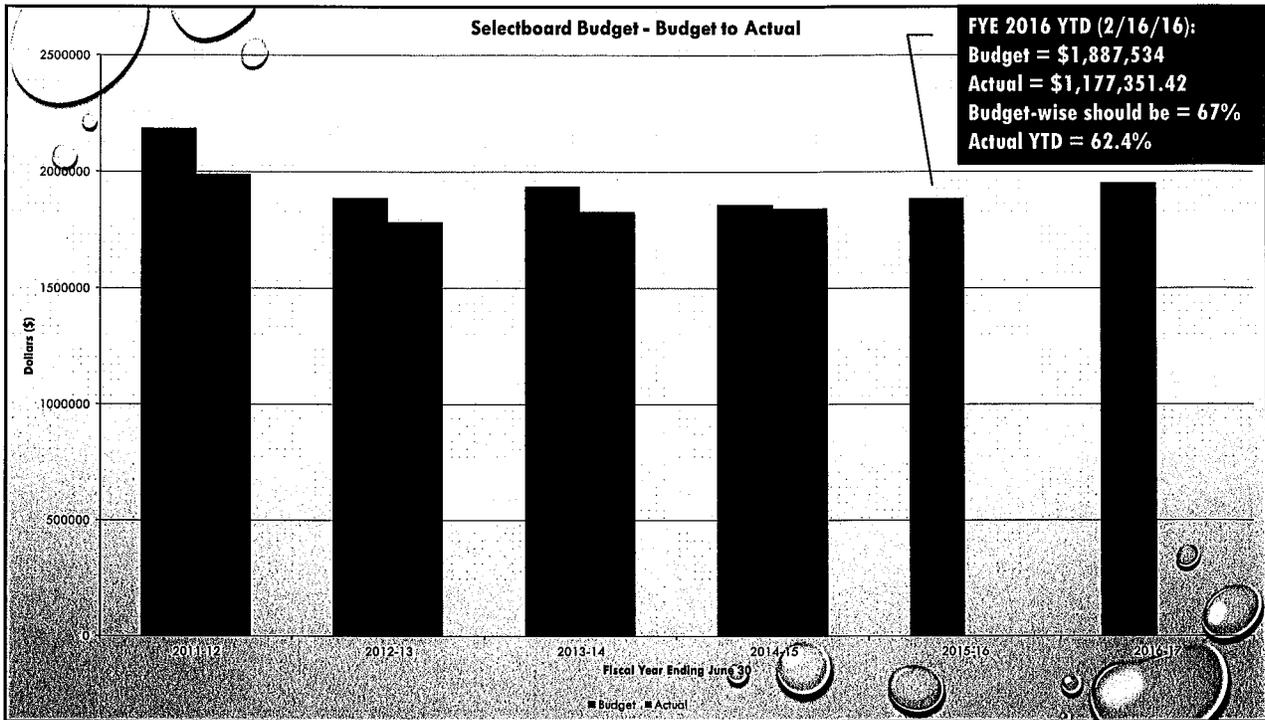
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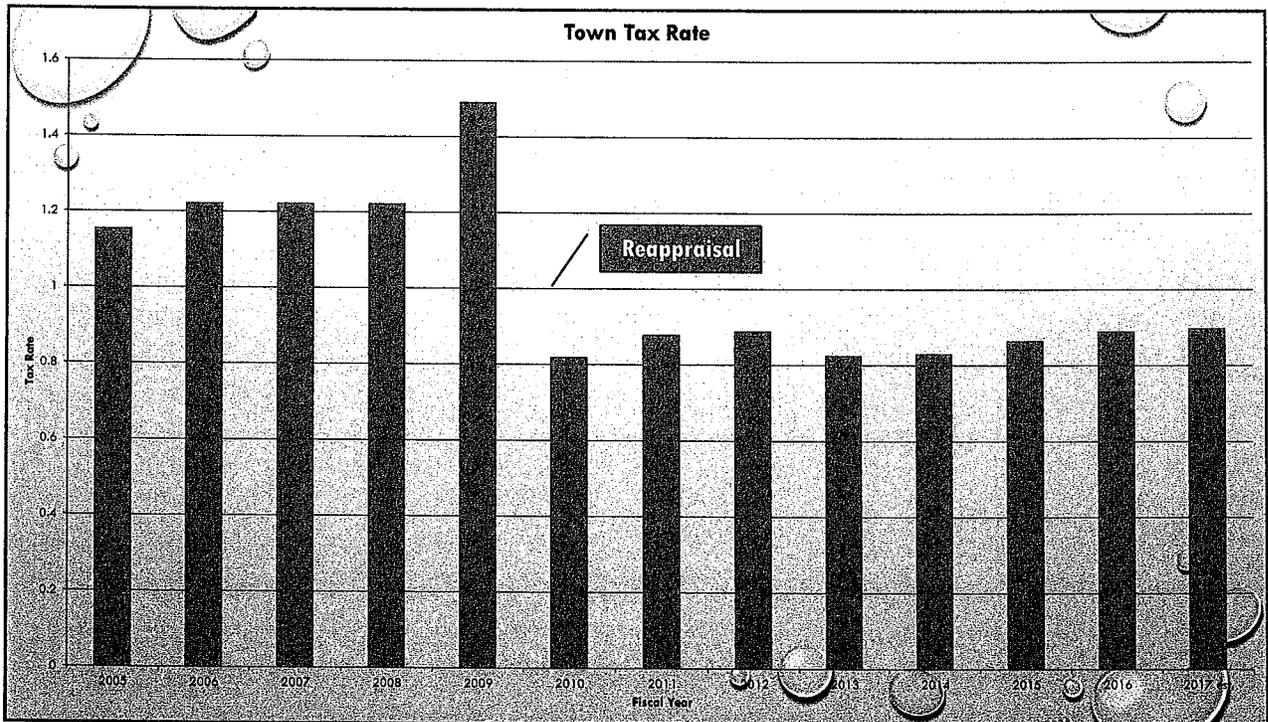
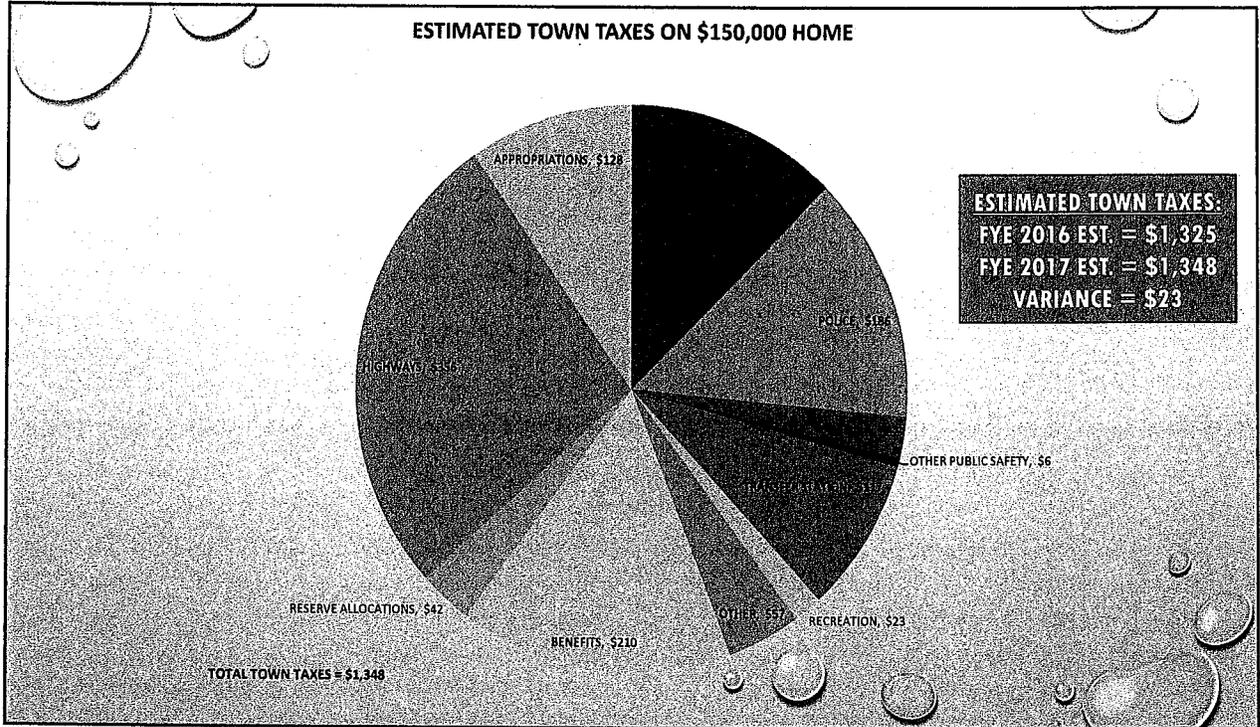


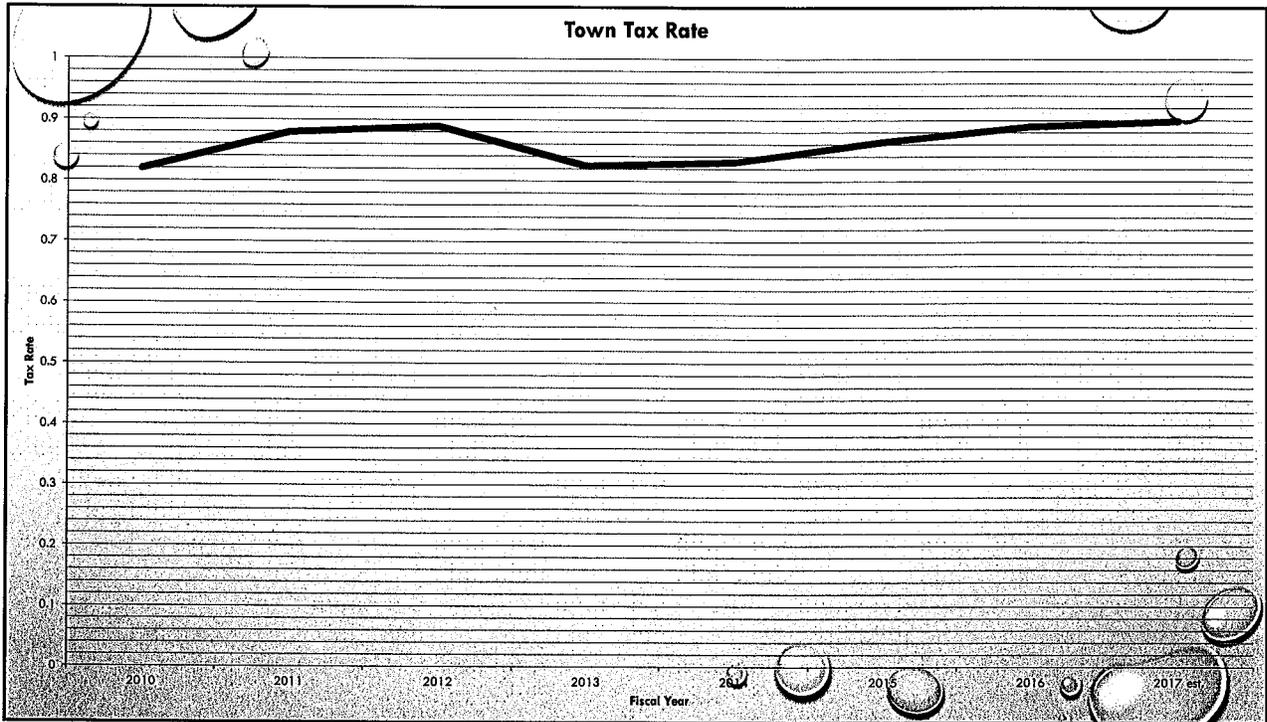












QUESTIONS?

VOTING TAKES PLACE TOMORROW FROM
10:00 AM THROUGH 7:00 PM AT THE LEGION