



TOWN OF FAIRFIELD

Budget Recommendation

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Fiscal Year 2019

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INTRODUCTION

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Opening Remarks

- Thank you to Department Managers, CFO Bob Mayer and our Finance Department
- Thank you to Dr. Jones and the School Administration
- Thank you to all our volunteers who contribute their time to make our Town special

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Budget Objectives

- Manage our expenses and still provide high quality services to our residents
- Fund all our essential services
- Fund our long term obligations – Pension, OPEB (Retiree Medical), Surplus, Sr Tax Relief
- Provide support and funding for our top quality School System
- Continue to Strengthen our Financial Foundation

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BUDGET OVERVIEW

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Town-side Budget Recommendation

- Town-side Budget Recommendation is \$131.3 Million
- 1.22 Percent Increase over prior year
- This a total dollar increase of \$1.58 Million

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Town-side Expense Drivers

- Primary Expense Drivers for the Town-side Budget
 - Salaries and Wages
 - Health Insurance
 - Annual Pension Contribution
 - Annual OPEB Contribution
 - Supplemental Contribution to Surplus

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Positive Expense Decreases

- Lower Expenses include:
 - Debt Service expense
 - DPW Paving
 - Workers Comp expense

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BOE Recommendation

- BOE Budget Recommendation is \$173.9 Million
- Represents a 3.10 percent increase in expenses
- Supports the Superintendent's request
- This is a total dollar increase of \$5.23 Million

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BOE Expenses in Town-side Budget

- Certain BOE costs are included in Town-side Expenses
 - Debt Service
 - Workers Compensation
 - Insurance – Liability, Errors & Omissions
 - Health/Nurses
 - Police/Crossing Guards, School Security Officers
 - Purchasing
 - Unemployment Insurance
 - Finance, DPW, Other
- Total Additional BOE Costs of \$23.4 million

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Total BOE Expenses

- Total BOE Expenses in the Budget is \$197.3 Million
- Number is Reported to the State every year
- Represents 65% of the Overall Budget
- Continues to make a strong statement about Fairfield's commitment to Education especially with reductions in State Education funding

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Revenue Driver Highlights

- Negative
 - Loss of Tax Revenue from GE Property
 - Loss of Municipal Aid from State
- Positive
 - Grand List Growth
 - Non Tax Revenue Growth
 - Building Fees, New Leases, Parks & Rec Fees
 - Use of Certain Reserve Accounts

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Overall Budget Recommendation

- Overall Budget Recommendation is \$305.3 Million
- This is a total dollar increase of \$6.81 Million
- An Increase of 2.28 percent over last year

- Mill Rate estimate is 26.46 or a 2.48% increase

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HISTORY AND TRENDS

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Ten Year History Comparison

	2017	2007
Population	61,016	57,930
Total Expense (General Fund)	\$292,200K	\$217,032K
Expenses Per Capita	\$4,789	\$3,746
Pension Contribution (Employer)	\$7,116K	\$0
OPEB Contribution	\$9,237K	\$2,000K
Full Time Employees (Town)	459.6	470.0
Total BOE Expenses	\$163,657K	\$125,216K
Property Tax Revenue	\$271,812K	\$192,784K
Tax Rev Per Capita	\$4,455	\$3,328
Avg Salary Per Employee (Town)	\$76,231	\$59,264
Health Insurance/Empl (Town)	\$20,094	\$14,745
Debt Service General Fund	\$23,054K	\$20,140K

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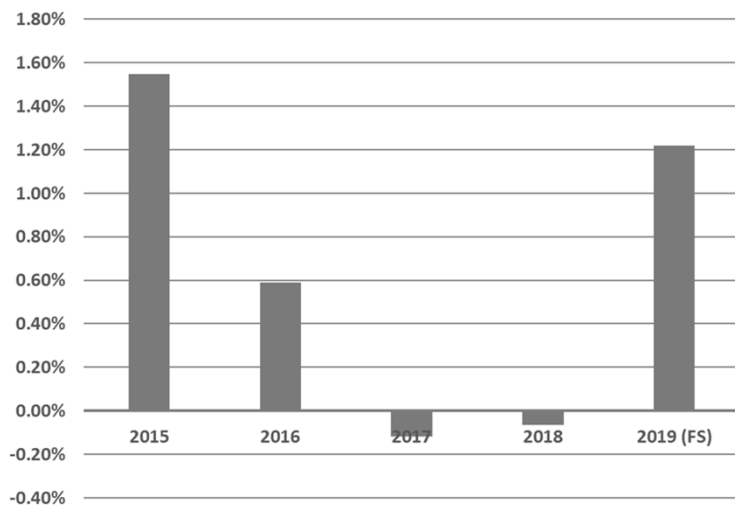
Ten Year Expense Growth

2007-2017	\$75.2 Million
Board of Education	\$38.5 Million
Debt Service	\$2.9 Million
OPEB	\$7.2 Million
Health Insurance	\$2.4 Million
Pension	\$7.1 Million
Employee Salaries	\$7.2 Million
Other	\$9.9 Million

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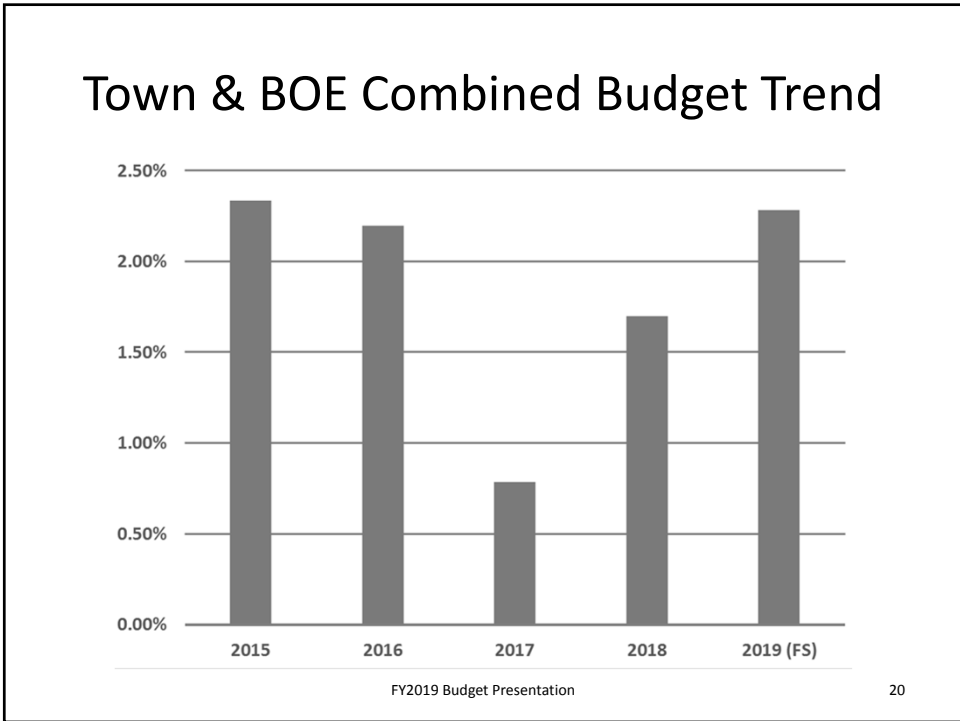
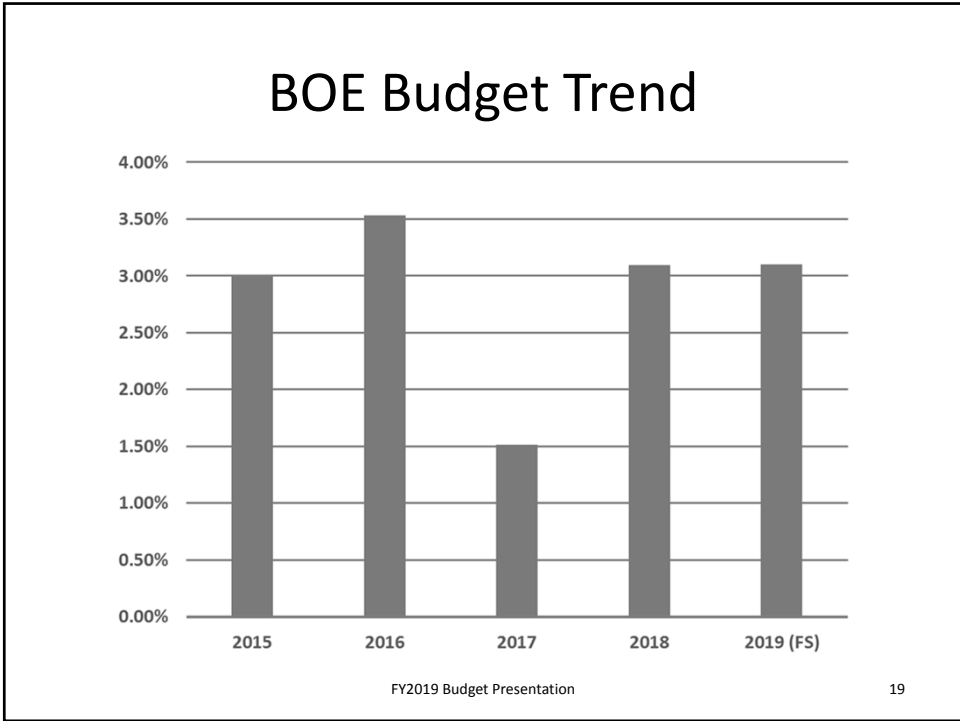
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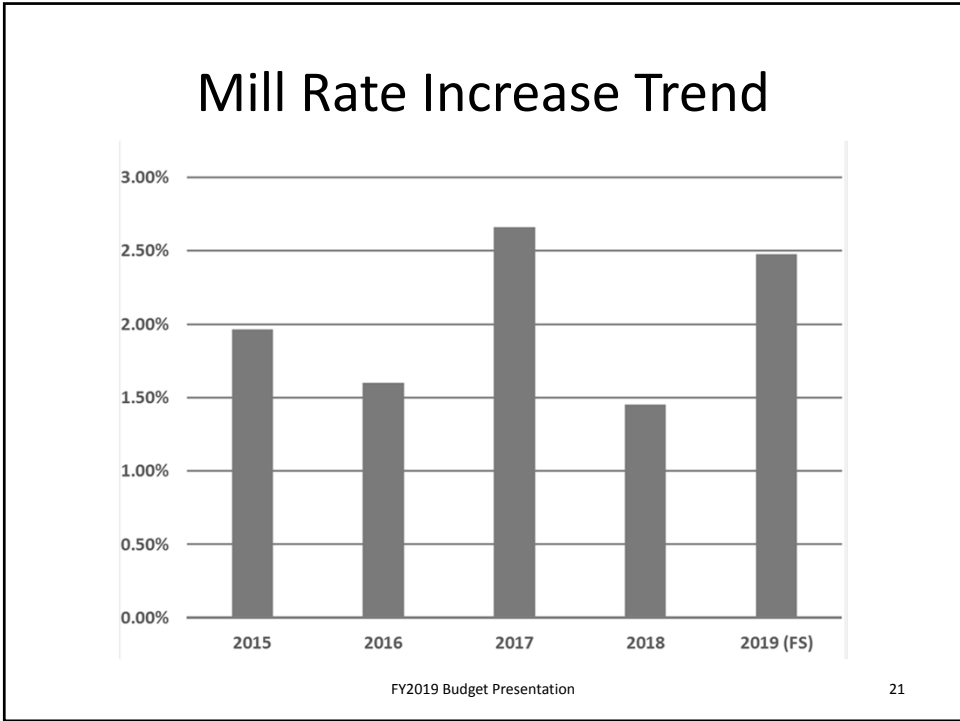
Town-side Budget Trend



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- ### Five Year Average Summary
- Town Expense Budget increase - 0.63%
 - BOE Expense Budget increase – 2.85%
 - Combined Expense Budget increase – 1.86%
 - Mill Rate increase – 2.03%
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COMPARISON TO OTHER TOWNS

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Town Comparison June 2017

Town	Population	Spending per Capita	Taxes per Capita
Fairfield	61,016	\$4,789	\$4,455
Greenwich	62,434	\$6,587	\$5,802
Westport	27,840	\$7,267	\$6,628

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Town Tax Increase FY 2018

Town	Tax Increase	Pension ARC	OPEB ARC	Use Surplus
Fairfield	1.45%	Yes	Yes	No - Added to Surplus
Greenwich	1.49%	Yes	Yes - Partial	Yes – 2.8%
Westport	.0%	Yes	Yes	Yes – 2.1%

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Spending per Capita 2012

Town	Spending Per Capita	Rank in CT	Increase since 1996
Westport	\$7,333	1	136%
Weston	\$6,618	2	135%
New Canaan	\$6,389	3	157%
Wilton	\$6,338	4	136%
Darien	\$5,837	5	143%
Greenwich	\$5,535	6	92%
Easton	\$5,478	7	122%
Ridgefield	\$5,248	8	118%
Fairfield	\$4,558	11	113%

Source: 'Taxes at Home' by the Yankee Institute – August 2015

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SUMMARY

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Summary

- Meets the challenges facing our town today
- Meets our Long Term Obligations – Pension, OPEB, Senior Tax Relief and protecting our AAA Rating
- Continues support for High Quality Education and our School System
- Recognizes the need to keep Fairfield affordable while maintaining valuable services for all

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