



BALANCED BUDGET

- Projected tax rate increase of 2.19%
- No reliance on fund balance to fund budget thereby protecting the reserves for favorable bond ratings for future capital projects
- Continued funding for grant writing assistance to leverage state and federal funds.
- Board of Finance anticipated to set mill rate at/or below projected increase depending upon final numbers for state grant revenues



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Continued funding for Economic Development initiatives and programs
- Development of policies, ordinances and regulations focused on business enhancement and retention
- Continued focus on the Route 66 Streetscape project and the Brownfields Grant Program



HUMAN SERVICES
(SOCIAL SERVICES & YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES)

- Continued funding for safety net programming
- Enhanced coordination by combining of social services and youth and family services under new human services umbrella
- Planned efficiency and operational enhancements for delivery of services



LAKE POCOTOPAUG

- Funding for the Lake Pocotopaug Commission
- Funding for continued Lake monitoring
- Funding for continued capital investment in walleye stocking
- Funding for Lake treatment



PARKS & RECREATION

- Continued enhancement of recreational programming
- Investment in turf maintenance equipment
- Improvements to Sears Park



ROADS & SIDEWALKS

- Funding for road capital improvement study
- Additional road reconstruction funds
- Funding for road maintenance equipment



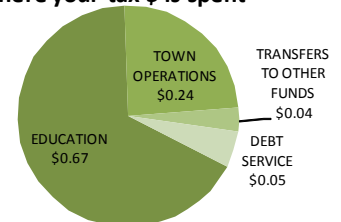
BUILDING/PLANNING ZONING

- Funding for a new Building Inspector/Zoning Enforcement Officer and Building Department Clerk to meet the increasing demands for services and growth of the community
- Continued improvement of zoning and subdivision regulations

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES

	Amended Budget 07-08	Proposed Budget 08-09	% Change
EDUCATION	\$ 23,543,089	\$ 24,740,110	5.08%
TOWN OPERATIONS	\$ 8,448,688	\$ 8,980,710	6.30%
TRANSFERS TO OTHER FUNDS	\$ 1,203,973	\$ 1,312,226	8.99%
DEBT SERVICE	\$ 1,983,252	\$ 1,910,926	-3.65%
TOTAL	\$ 35,179,002	\$ 36,943,972	5.02%

Where your tax \$ is spent



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**SAFETY
FIRST**

- Funding for new equipment purchases for the Police Department
- Funding for the maintenance of the new ambulance building
- Continued funding for fire department turnout gear
- Continued funding for fire department technology updates



LIBRARIES

- Full requested funding for programming and operations of the East Hampton Public Library
- Funding for programming and operations of the Middle Haddam Library
- Funding for ADA and new phone system at the East Hampton Library/Community Center



**SENIOR
SERVICES**

- Funding for operations and programming at the Senior Center
- Capital Improvement request to replace (20+ year old furniture in Senior Center
- Continued funding for Dial-a-Ride transportation
- Development of a Commission On Aging
- Focus on appropriate facilities to meet the needs of the community's elderly
- Funding for Senior Center Bus grant match



EDUCATION

- Continued funding for enhancement of the East Hampton School System
- Funding to provide an infusion of technology to enhance the integration of technology into curriculum and instruction
- Funding to address mandated in-school suspension monitoring
- Funding to improve services to students and teachers through staffing, programs and professional development
- Funding to address increased energy costs
- Continued funding for energy conservation and building operations
- Continued funding for facilities improvements scheduled for various schools

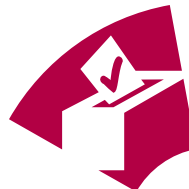


**OPERATIONAL
EFFICIENCIES**

- Continued funding for geographic information system (GIS) to enhance the operations of assessing, building, planning and public safety to ensure timely and accurate information in a usable data stream for the public and the operating departments
- Participation in regional purchasing consortiums for best prices on goods and services and electrical energy at favorable rates
- Participation in wellness programs for town employees to control health care costs
- Improved web site functionality for taxpayers to obtain timely information

Proposed Tax and Mill Rate Information

Tax Levy	\$26,308,415
Proposed Mill Rate	23.81
Proposed Mill Rate Change	.51
Proposed Mill Rate % Change	2.19%



VOTING MAKES A DIFFERENCE

Polling Place: East Hampton High School

Voting Hours: 6:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Voter Eligibility: Call 267-2519 Ext. 321

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www.easthamptonct.gov

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