

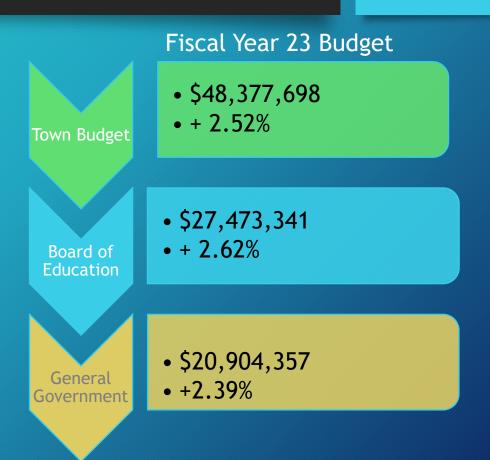
# Town of Old Saybrook General Government

# Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Proposed Budget

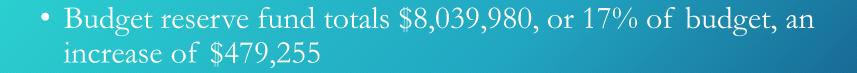


# Old Saybrook's Municipal Budget

- Structurally Balanced Budget
- Operating budgets are developed annually to finance the delivery of municipal programs and services
- Capital Plan sets priorities for major capital projects and reserve requirements
- Board of Finance approves financial policies to ensure consistent approach and adoption of the budget
- Budget is structured to meet short- and long-term obligations



## Financial Accomplishments - FY21



- The Town used surplus funds in the amount of \$1,100,000 to increase the Pension Contributions, Capital non-recurring Fund, High School lights and Sidewalks
- The Town of Old Saybrook received a clean audit.

## Town of Old Saybrook Budget Revenue Projections FY 23

# The proposed budget for FY 23 is \$48,377,698 up 2.52% over FY22.

Revenue

- Approximately 3.2% will be funded by revenues other than property taxes.
- Taxes will fund 96.8% of the budget (residential, commercial and personal property taxes).

#### Non-property tax revenues:

- This budget assumes the Town will receive \$463 thousand in State funds
- Local General Fund revenues are projected to be \$1.075 million (mini golf, town clerk and building fees, etc.)

## Old Saybrook Grand List Trends

- The 2021 Grand List totals \$2,373,969,914 and has increased \$66 million over the 2020 Grand List
- The main driver of the increase was motor vehicles, which increased \$47 million
- Local property taxes (residential and commercial) will make up most of the General Fund revenues necessary to balance the budget



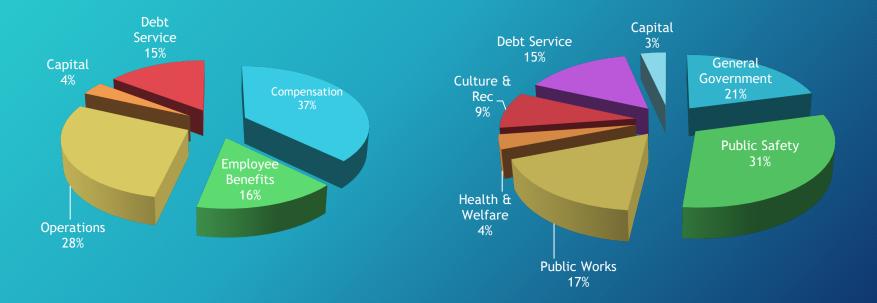
## FY 23 General Government Proposed Expenditure Budget

	FY 22 General Government Budget	\$ Increase vs. FY 20	% Increase vs. FY 20	
Department Head Proposed Budget	\$21,091,809	\$675,451	3.31%	
Board of Selectmen Proposed Budget	\$20,904,357	\$488,000	2.39%	
Difference		(\$187,451)	<b>.92</b> %	

### FY 2023 General Government Expenditures by Category and Function



### **By Function**



### General Government Year over Year Line-item Changes

Budget Line Item	Budget FY22	Proposed Budget FY23	\$ Change	% change
Compensation	\$7,562,583	\$7,786,187	\$223,604	2.96%
Employee Benefits	\$3,158,767	\$3,370,972	\$212,205	6.72%
Operations	\$5,740,163	\$5,940,354	\$200,191	3.49%
Capital	745,000	735,000	-\$10,000	-1.34%
Debt Service	\$3,209,844	\$3,071,844	(\$138,000)	-4.30%
Total	\$20,416,357	\$20,904,357	\$488,000	2.39%

# **Compensation Expense**

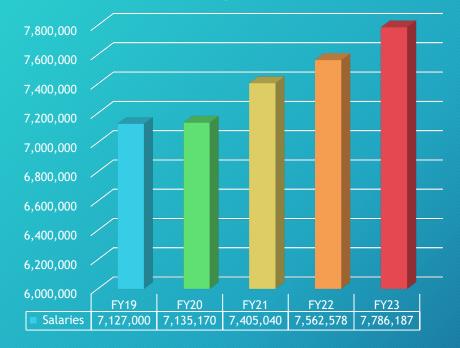
- Overall increase \$224 thousand, or 2.96%
  - Reduction in WPCA and increase in General Government are due to restructuring
  - Culture and Rec increase is associated with minimum wage increase
  - All functions include annual increase and step raises (the majority is collectively bargained)

#### General Government Salaries FY22 vs. FY23



Personnel expense includes overtime and other personnel related expenses

## **Compensation Trends**



#### Salary Trends

#### Salary Change



## Employee Benefit Expense

#### • Overall, up \$212 thousand, or 6.72%

#### Retirement benefits -

- Budgeted full Actuarial Determined Contribution (ADC) for defined benefit plan
- □ 86 employees defined benefit plan
- □ 42 employees defined contribution plan

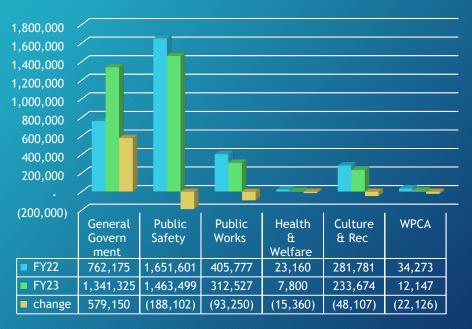
#### □ Health Insurance reductions include:

- Choices of plans by employees
- Plan design

□ Life Insurance is flat - locked in rates

FICA up slightly reflecting higher wage base





# Benefit Trends



**Benefits** 

% Change



Health Benefit Management Drove Down Overall Benefit Expense

Old Saybrook up 1.9% annually vs. Public Sector average of 9.7% annually



Town of Old Saybrook Health Benefit vs. Public Sector

Old Saybrook CT Public Sector

# **Operating Expense**

## Overall budget up \$200 thousand or 3.49%

- Target increases in operational budgets to provide services and maintain town parks
  - Public Works increased paving budget
  - WPCA increased professional services
  - Park & Recreation increased
     park budget

#### General Government Operating Expense FY22 vs. FY23



## Capital Investment and Reserve Trends



Reserves
Capital Expense

# Named Projects - \$164,271



### Public Works

- \$6,050 DPW sand shed roof
- \$18,000 asphalt roller
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- \$12,400 Transfer Station dumpster
- \$25,000 augment DPW paving budget



### Park & Rec

• \$3,299 - flagpole

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- \$3,364 Main Street Park water fountain
- \$3,630 mulch Trask Park playground
- \$7,528 mini golf netting

### Town projects

- \$25,000 roof sinking fund
- \$60,000 replace gazebo on the Town Hall lawn

# Permanent Budget Savings







### Workforce Restructure

Eliminated 5 FT position and benefits -

permanent yearly savings ~ \$211 thousand

### Debt Service Restructure

Took advantage of historic low interest rates and restructured virtually all of town debt

Permanent savings ~ 2.5 million

### Operational Modifications

Streetlight conversion

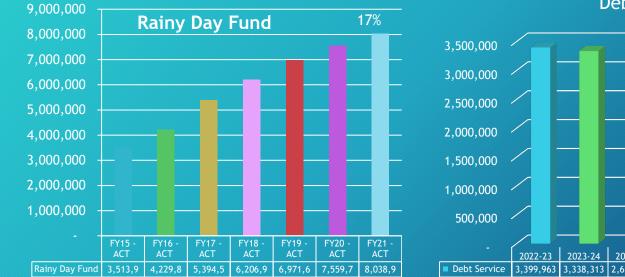
Closed post employment benefits

Permanent yearly savings ~ 178 thousand

# Conclusion: Town Finances Remain Strong



Debt Service will decline over next 5 years





#### Debt Service



## **Conclusion:** The Town Remains Financially Strong

Budget practices have maintained a stable mill rate

The estimated Mill rate change for FY23 is one on the lowest in the past 25 years.

#### **G**FY23 Budget

- □ Funds the operations of the Town for next FY by prudently managing expenditures
- Maintains Town infrastructure through ongoing investment
- long term liability strategies maintain the Town's financial strength over the long term

#### **Mill Rate History**

