



# FY21 BUDGET

# Levy Limit

- The budget process begins with the estimates of revenue available to meet the needs of the Town
- Calculation of the levy limit
  - Starts with adding 2.5% to the prior year's levy amount
  - Add estimates for new growth, exempt debt, any approved overrides
  - A conservative estimate was taken for New Growth in response to the COVID pandemic (\$100,000 below the previous year)

Tax Levy FY21	
Base Levy (FY18)	22,855,216
2.5% Allowed Growth	571,380
New Growth	200,000
Exempt Debt	1,550,980
<b>Total Levy Limit</b>	<b>25,177,576</b>

# Non-Property Tax Revenue

- After determining the Levy Limit we add any Non-Property Tax Revenue (local receipts, State aid, available funds) to get the total of available funding
- Conservative estimates were taken for all Non-Property Tax revenue in response to the COVID pandemic

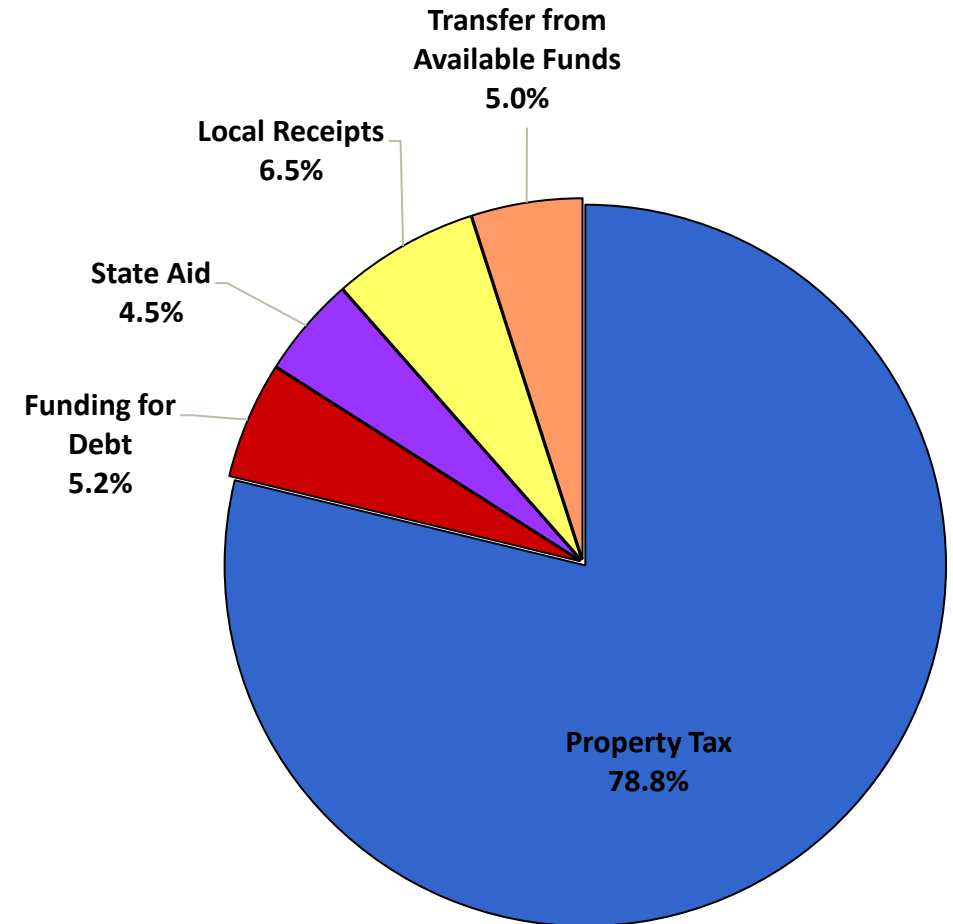
Non-Property Tax Revenue	
Local Receipts	1,935,577
State Aid	1,327,679
Transfer from Available Funds	1,470,249
<b>Total NPTR</b>	<b>5,587,006</b>

# REVENUE SOURCES

<b>PROPERTY TAX REVENUE</b>	<b>FY2020</b>	<b>FY2021</b>	<b>YRLY CHANGE</b>
Levy Limit	22,005,954	22,855,216	849,262
Prop 2 1/2	550,149	571,380	21,231
New Growth	299,113	200,000	(99,113)
Overlay (Minus)	(275,390)	(275,000)	390
<b>LEVY LIMIT (SUBTOTAL)</b>	<b>22,579,826</b>	<b>23,351,596</b>	<b>771,770</b>
Debt Exclusions	1,245,093	1,550,980	305,887
<b>LEVY LIMIT (TOTAL)</b>	<b>23,824,919</b>	<b>24,902,576</b>	<b>1,077,657</b>
<b>STATE AID &amp; LOCAL RECEIPTS</b>			
State Aid	1,491,562	1,327,679	(163,883)
Local Receipts	2,112,089	1,935,577	(176,512)
<b>TOTAL ADDITIONAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>3,603,651</b>	<b>3,263,256</b>	<b>(340,395)</b>
<b>FUND TRANSFERS</b>			
From Available Funds	1,398,845	1,470,473	71,628
<b>TOTAL TRANSFERS</b>	<b>1,398,845</b>	<b>1,470,473</b>	<b>71,628</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS FOR APPROPRIATIONS</b>	<b>28,827,415</b>	<b>29,636,305</b>	<b>808,890</b>

# REVENUE SOURCES

- Property Tax (including debt) account for 84% of the Town's annual revenue
- Local Receipts, which include vehicle excise, beach stickers, permit fees, etc. represent total estimated receipts of \$1.94 million in FY21.
- Transfer from available funds includes a \$150,000 transfer from the Town's Debt Reserve Fund
  - This is to offset the addition of the Fire Station Debt
- The Town made reductions to State Aid in response to the COVID pandemic

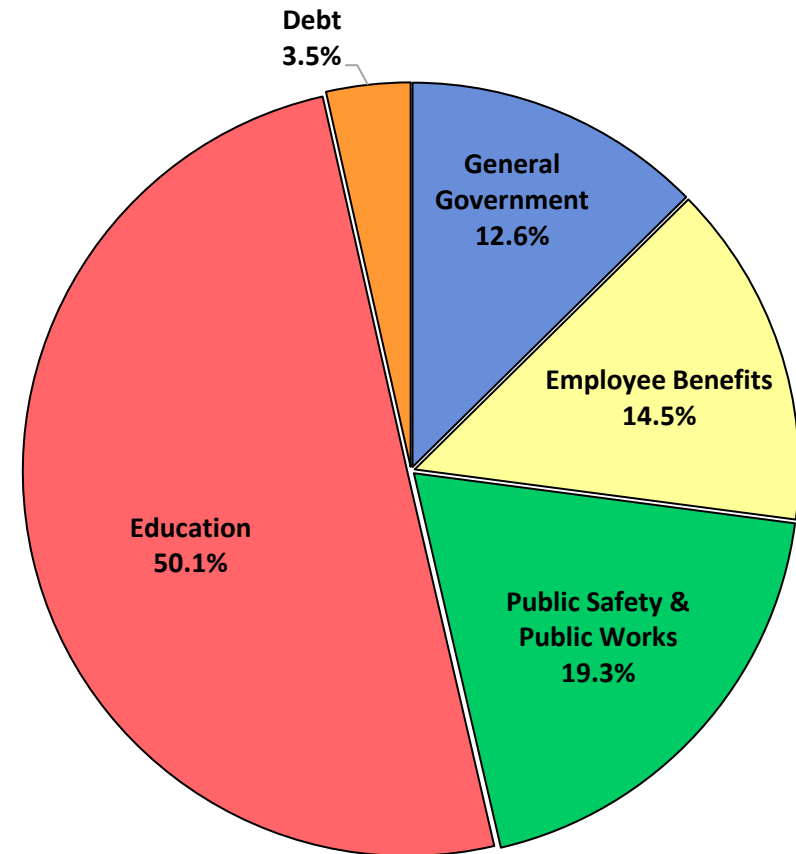


# EXPENSE BREAKDOWN

	FY2020	FY2021	% CHANGE
General Government	1,691,707	1,762,907	4.2%
Public Safety	3,743,857	3,734,700	-0.2%
Public Works	1,693,324	1,699,888	0.4%
Education	14,125,553	14,522,316	2.8%
Employee Group Insurance	2,507,800	2,382,800	-5.0%
Pension, Unemployment, Medicare	1,341,986	1,499,405	11.7%
Other Employee Benefits	231,180	245,000	6.0%
Town Insurance	384,244	433,960	12.9%
Utilities	195,000	190,000	-2.6%
Debt	996,558	1,427,719	43.3%
Culture & Human Services	1,220,274	1,188,358	-2.6%
Leases & Government Assessments	63,718	73,285	15.0%
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	<b>28,195,202</b>	<b>29,160,339</b>	<b>3.4%</b>

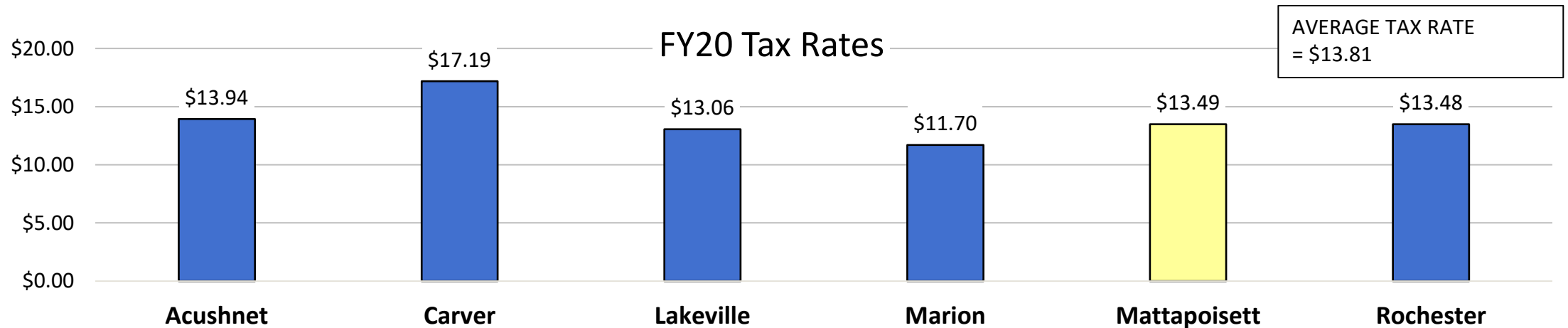
# EXPENSES

- The Town attempted to make reductions in expenses to respond to the COVID pandemic
  - Furloughs were made to match staff with the services provided
  - Hiring Freeze has been in place since the start of COVID (only the Public Health Nurse & Library Director have been hired since March)
  - Utility budget decreased as a result of the Town's installation of LED streetlights (which use 80% less electricity)
  - The Town also saw a decrease in Group Health insurance due to the Town's move to a new provider (MIIA)



# Municipal Environment

- The team looked at neighboring towns when developing the FY21 Budget
  - Pulled comparative data from other Towns in the region
- Mattapoisett compares favorably in both service levels, the costs of services, and the residential tax rate
  - Tax rate that is below the average in the region (when compared to similar towns)
  - Ranks 111 out of 351 municipalities in the Commonwealth (240 towns have a higher residential tax rate)
  - Marion has a lower tax rate but a higher average tax bill (Marion \$7,371 vs. Mattapoisett \$6,628)





# Community Comparisons

## *FY19 General Fund Spending*

	<b>Acushnet</b>	<b>Carver</b>	<b>Lakeville</b>	<b>Marion</b>	<b>Mattapoisett</b>	<b>Rochester</b>
General Government	1,628,174	2,042,136	1,741,580	2,173,734	1,663,057	1,310,292
Police	2,264,905	2,160,029	1,878,575	1,871,515	2,234,329	1,227,642
Fire	461,702	640,278	1,357,213	1,071,145	637,349	259,716
Other Public Safety	749,528	823,946	414,540	489,419	727,922	881,357
Education	16,000,101	24,372,276	16,217,945	10,800,355	13,398,864	12,536,159
Public Works	1,707,663	1,203,772	933,963	1,692,048	1,536,790	1,072,054
Human Service	508,406	486,033	442,837	390,987	534,451	377,382
Culture and Recreation	349,051	436,473	362,088	334,081	551,818	239,373
Debt Service	521,415	2,321,591	395,533	599,158	1,050,529	1,243,353
Fixed Costs	3,024,014	2,728,658	3,251,167	2,750,839	3,815,267	2,127,899
Intergovernment	233,401	1,103,782	185,819	110,251	123,559	107,965
Other	156,266	120,739	39,088	-	423,171	23,849

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General Government	5.9%	5.3%	6.4%	9.8%	6.2%	6.1%
Police	8.2%	5.6%	6.9%	8.4%	8.4%	5.7%
Fire	1.7%	1.7%	5.0%	4.8%	2.4%	1.2%
Other Public Safety	2.7%	2.1%	1.5%	2.2%	2.7%	4.1%
Education	58.0%	63.4%	59.6%	48.5%	50.2%	58.6%
Public Works	6.2%	3.1%	3.4%	7.6%	5.8%	5.0%
Human Service	1.8%	1.3%	1.6%	1.8%	2.0%	1.8%
Culture and Recreation	1.3%	1.1%	1.3%	1.5%	2.1%	1.1%
Debt Service	1.9%	6.0%	1.5%	2.7%	3.9%	5.8%
Fixed Costs	11.0%	7.1%	11.9%	12.3%	14.3%	9.9%
Intergovernment	0.8%	2.9%	0.7%	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%
Other	0.6%	0.3%	0.1%	0.0%	1.6%	0.1%

# Town Reserves

- The Town's reserve levels continue to be an area of focus
  - We continue to support maintaining 10% or more of the annual operating budget in reserves
- The Town's Stabilization Fund is nearly \$2 million, and the current FY21 budget does not pull from this available resource
  - Instead the Town is utilizing the Federal CARES Act and other available funding to weather the storm due to the uncertainty with COVID and the possible effects on future budgets
- As proposed in FY20, the Town is utilizing \$150,000 from the Debt Stabilization Fund to offset some of the debt cost associated with the new Fire Station
- The Town is maintaining a commitment of funding the community's OPEB liability, by investing \$250,000 to the Town's trust

# Town Meeting

- Town Meeting to take place at 6:00PM on Monday August 17<sup>th</sup>
  - Take place under a tent at ORR High School track
  - Face coverings will be required (exemptions apply)
  - Plans are being made to spray for mosquitos in the area
- Town meeting at later date to come, when revenues are known, to address Town's capital needs
- The Town has many projects in the works
  - Landfill Solar Project – Lease negotiations are in process, additional revenue to Town
  - LED Install to Town Buildings – Installation to take place in coming months at NO COST to Town (except for shipping costs). Should result in a significant savings to Town utilities.
  - CARES Funding – Town has been reimbursed for \$185,000 of COVID related costs and will continue to submit qualified expenses with Plymouth County until December 31, 2020
  - Continue to investigate cost savings and new sources of revenue throughout FY21