
TOWN OF HOPKINTON

FISCAL 2013 TOWN MANAGER BUDGET PRESENTATION

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Budget Process

- Budget message set by Board of Selectmen on **November 1, 2011**
- Departmental request submitted to Town Manager on **December 31, 2011**
- Town Manager submits recommended budget by **March 1, 2012**
- Selectmen review and submit recommended budget to AC by **March 15, 2011**
- AC holds hearings and publishes recommendations by **April 11, 2012 (tentative date)**

Budget Goals

- Achieves fiscal health in the short term and fiscal wellness in the medium term
 - Invests tax resources based on priorities set by the boards and community
 - Spends within the Town's means while proposing a responsible level of taxation
 - Promotes collaboration when responding to technology challenges
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Budget Goals (continued)

- Adds to the capital reserve and stabilization fund
- Sets aside down payment for other post employment benefits liability
- Funds Pay-as-you-go Capital and Non-Pay-as-you-go capital
- Achieves efficiencies while continuing fiscal conservatism

Budget Rationale

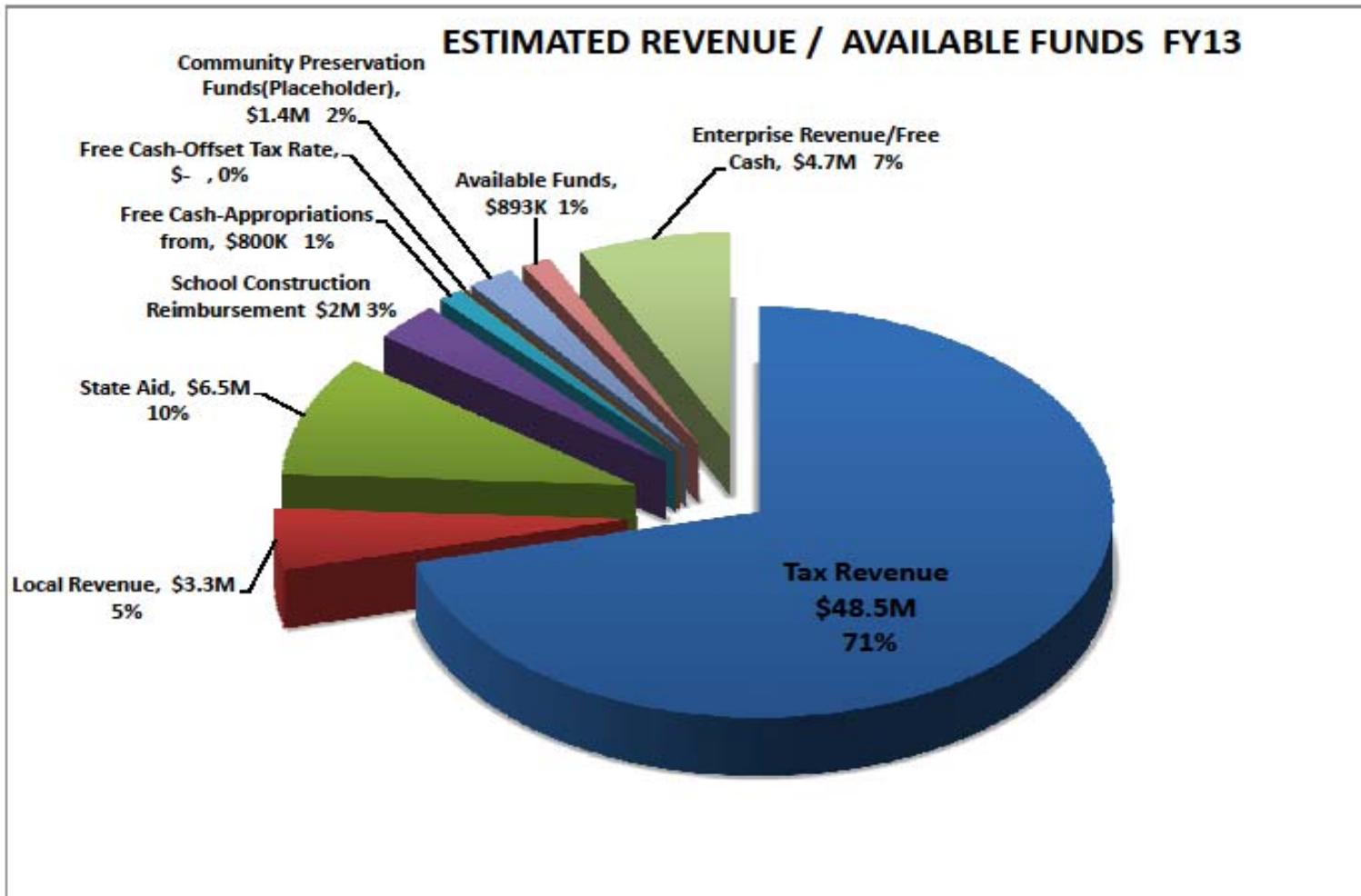
- *This balanced budget is based on a realistic projection of revenues and expenditures.*

a. Tax Revenue

Tax Base	45,309,403
Tax Levy Increase (2.5%)	1,132,735
Estimated New Growth	750,000
Debt Exclusions (Current)	2,488,352
Excess Levy Capacity	<u>(1,148,046)</u>
Total amount to be raised	48,532,444

b. Other Revenues

- Local Revenue (**\$3,313,392**)
- State Aid (**\$6,519,908**)
- School Construction Reimbursement (**\$2,077,694**)
- Free Cash – appropriations from (**\$800,000**)
- Community Preservation Funds (**placeholder \$1,447.620**)
- Other Available Funds (**\$893,171**)
- Enterprise Revenue & Free Cash (**\$4,751,027**)



Budget Rationale

- *Enhances stabilization fund, maintains soft reserves (excess levy capacity) and makes a positive step towards funding other post employment benefits for retirees.*

Reserve Balances

- Excess Levy Capacity (soft reserve) **\$1.148M**
 - Stabilization Fund
 - ❑ **\$1.04M**
 - ❑ Recommend **\$100k** Fiscal 2013
 - Capital Stabilization Fund
 - ❑ **\$75K**
 - ❑ Recommend **\$50k** Fiscal 2013
 - OPEB Trust Fund
 - ❑ **\$0**
 - ❑ Recommend **\$50k** Fiscal 2013
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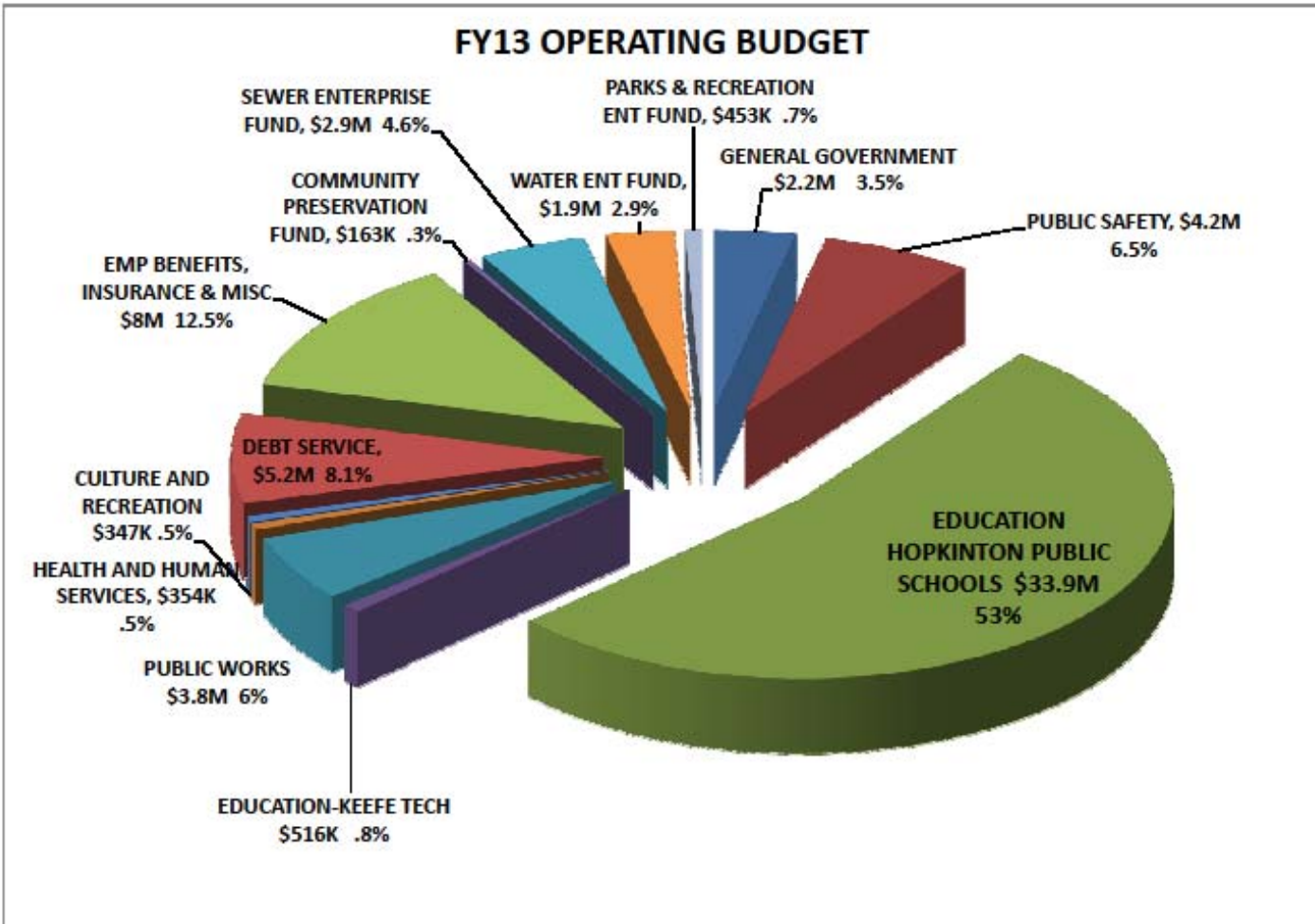
- *Controls costs and spending while preserving the town's excellent services and educational system and moving forward the town's strategic goals in services, education and infrastructure.*

New Expenditures Cont'd

➤ Hopkinton Public Schools +3.03%	1,000,000
➤ Keefe Tech +3.03% (estimated)	15,188
➤ Town General Fund Departmental Budgets +1.88%	205,778
➤ Debt Service -13.83%	(831,300)
➤ Capital Pay-as-you-go +7.90%	711,622
➤ Essential Investments	328,000

New Expenditures

Employee Benefits, Insurance & Miscellaneous	229,809
+2.74%	
➤ Unemployment Insurance	30,000
➤ Life Insurance	(7,000)
➤ Health Insurance	150,000
➤ Retirement Assessment	54,809
➤ Drug and Alcohol Testing	2,000



Budget Rationale

- *Reduces town subsidy for Parks and Recreation via enterprise fund (\$47,926)*

Budget Rationale

- *Aggressively mitigates the spiraling cost of health care and other fixed costs*
 - Aggressively monitoring the performance thresholds set in last year's competitive bids.
 - Sought and received union consensus on carrier and plan design changes last year.
 - Implementing mandatory Medicare for retirees per municipal health care reform.
 - Aggressively pursuing loss prevention measures and best practices in facilities management.
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Budget Rationale

- *Prioritizes the funding of Capital projects while continuing to fund a Capital Stabilization Fund.*
 - ❑ *School Truck \$56,000*
 - ❑ *Schools-Strobe Light Warning System \$30,000*
 - ❑ *DPW-Ford F-450 Dump \$65,000*
 - ❑ *DPW-Trackless Municipal Tractor \$125,000*
 - ❑ *DPW-Cemetery Mower \$11,520*
 - ❑ *Police Vehicles \$75,000*
 - ❑ *Joint Technology Town & Schools \$300,000*
 - ❑ *Technology-Public Safety \$40,000*

Budget Rationale

- *Minimizes tax impact on Hopkinton Residents.*

Projected Tax Impact – does not include unapproved new debt exclusions

FY12	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16
1.58%	1.59%	2.54%	1.00%	-.53%

Budget Rationale

- *Continues best debt-management practices*

