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Town Manager

TOWN OF NEWINGTON

131 CEDAR STREET
NEWINGTON, CONNECTICUT 06111

MAYOR STEPHEN WOODS

MINUTES

**TOWN MANAGER'S PROPOSED BUDGET
PUBLIC HEARING
Conference Room L-101 Lower Level – Town Hall
7:00 P.M.**

March 12, 2013

Mayor Woods called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. TOWN MANAGER'S PRESENTATION OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET

Presentation slides attached.

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

David Hourigan, 30 Candlewyck Drive: Mr. Hourigan stated the budget was a complex issue but the proposed increase of 6.1% was unsustainable. He commented he had bought his house ten years ago, and his taxes had gone up 50%. He knew the Council had a difficult job to do but hoped they would find savings somewhere to help the residents.

Rodney Mortensen, 53 Meadowview Court: He stated he had sat through similar discussions in the past and knew what the Council would be going through and respected the hours the Council put in determining the new budget. Mr. Mortensen said he had a problem with the unsustainable amount the taxes were going up. Mr. Mortensen said when he was Mayor he talked about there would come a point when there would be no grand list growth and said the Town had reached that point. He stated years ago there was a proposal to limit the increase to 3%, which he did not favor since some years that would be too much and other years too little. He stated since 2008 most of the local businesses have struggled and were just scrapping by. He suggested the Councilors speak to any business in Town to determine what a reasonable tax increase would be and felt most would say that a 6% increase was unsustainable. Mr. Mortensen stated under the current proposal his taxes would go up \$550 a year and could mean he would move from his house and town due to the high cost.

Councilor Borjeson moved to adjourn the Public Hearing and was seconded by Councilor Castelle at 7:40 p.m. The motion passed 9 – 0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Irish-Simpson (JI)
Linda Irish-Simpson
Clerk of the Council



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Town Manager's Proposed Budget – FY 2013-14

Mill Rate Calculation

	Proposed
General Government	31,501,836
Board of Education	67,144,086
Debt Service & CIP	5,976,159
MDC	3,102,250
Employee Leave Liability Fund	92,900
Total Appropriations	107,817,231
Non-Tax Revenue	-19,628,213
Applied Fund Balance	-2,250,000
Amount to be Raised by Taxes (A)	85,939,018
Net Adjusted Grand List (B)	2,479,685,049
Mill Rate (A/B)	34.66

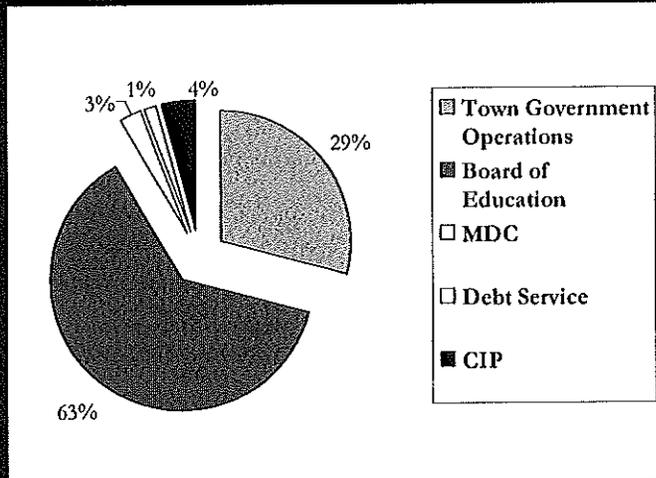
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Overview

	Proposed	\$ Change	% Change
Total Appropriations	107,817,231	4,375,290	4.23
General Government	31,501,836	1,025,580	3.37
Board of Education	67,144,086	3,796,501	5.99
Debt Service & CIP	5,976,159	-598,841	-9.11
MDC	3,102,250	150,250	5.09
Non-Tax Revenue	19,628,213	-610,390	-3.02
Applied Fund Balance	2,250,000	2,250,000	0.00
Amount to be Raised by Taxes	85,939,018	4,985,680	6.16

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General Fund Appropriations



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General Government – Major Changes

Appropriation	\$ Change
Retirement	229,000
Medical Insurance	314,411
Wage Increases	442,962
Total	986,373

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Capital Improvement Plan Funding Policy

■ Maximum future debt service ■ \$ 3.8 million

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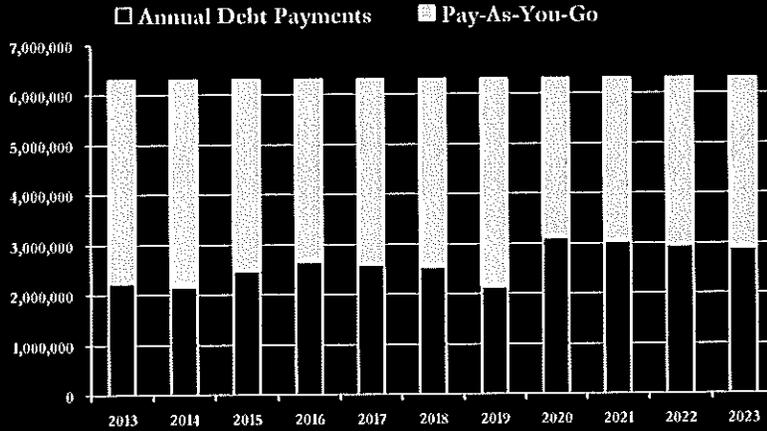
■ Annual Depreciation ■ \$ 2.5 million

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■ Total Debt + Pay-As-You-Go ■ \$ 6.3 million

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Debt & Capital Improvement Plan Funding Policy



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Capital Improvement Plan Funding

Total Debt Service	1,475,756
Total PAYG	4,500,403
Total CIP	5,976,159
Offset by:	
School Construction Grants	325,000
Cell Tower Rent	40,000
Net Cost	5,611,159

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Capital Improvement Plan

Project Title	\$
STEM Academy JW/MK & NHS Career/Technical	1,300,000
Senior & Disabled Roof with Extension	755,500
Marcap Property Acquisition	569,600
NHS Music Wing/Air Conditioning (Auditorium)	472,648
Equipment Replacement Reserve	301,948
Information Technology Reserve	300,000
Public School CIP Reserve	125,000
Single Stream Recycling Containers	111,594
General Property Improvements	110,000
Fire Co 1 Resurface Bay Floor	85,000

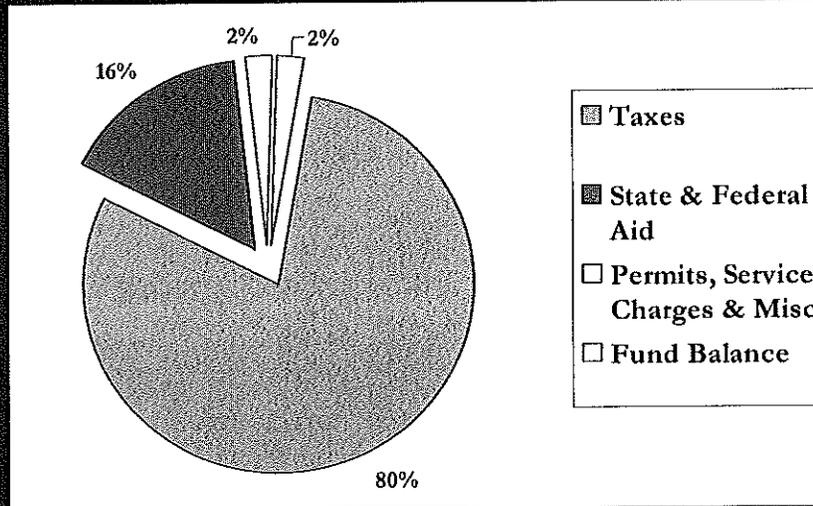
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Capital Improvement Plan

Project Title	\$
Public Building Resurfacing Program	50,000
Park and Playfield Improvements	50,000
Senior & Disabled Center HVAC	45,000
Library Automated Collection Mgmt System	43,113
Fire Co 1 Replacement Emergency Generator	41,000
Radio Replacement Reserve	40,000
Traffic Signal Repair & Replacement Reserve	25,000
Sidewalk and Stonewall Repair	25,000
Mill Pond Park Renovation Study	25,000
Landfill Conversion to Transfer Station	25,000

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General Fund Revenue



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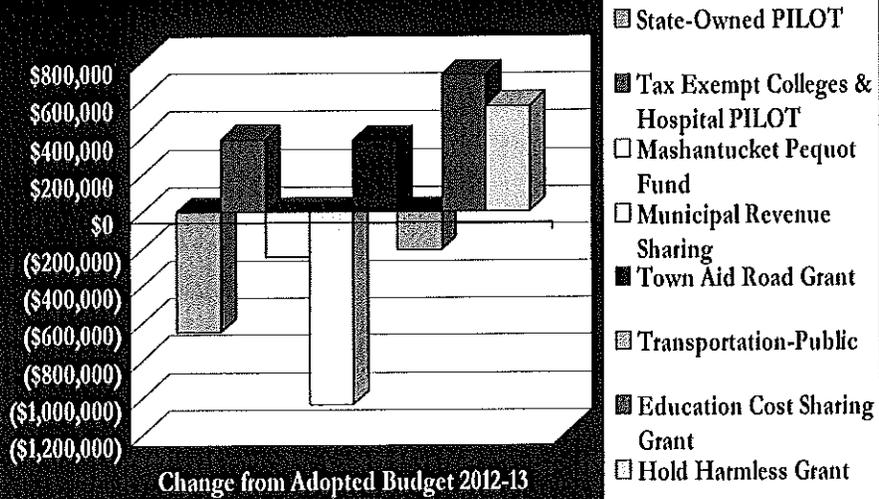
General Fund Revenue

Non-Tax Revenue Category	2013-14	Net Change from Adopted 2012-13
Prior Year/Prorated Taxes	1,305,000	0
State & Federal Aid*	17,085,766	-635,171
Permits	265,225	100,000
Rentals	144,854	7,909
Interest Income	30,000	-70,000
Service Charges	549,950	69,950
Other/Transfers	247,418	-83,078
Total	19,628,213	-610,390

* Includes Payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT).

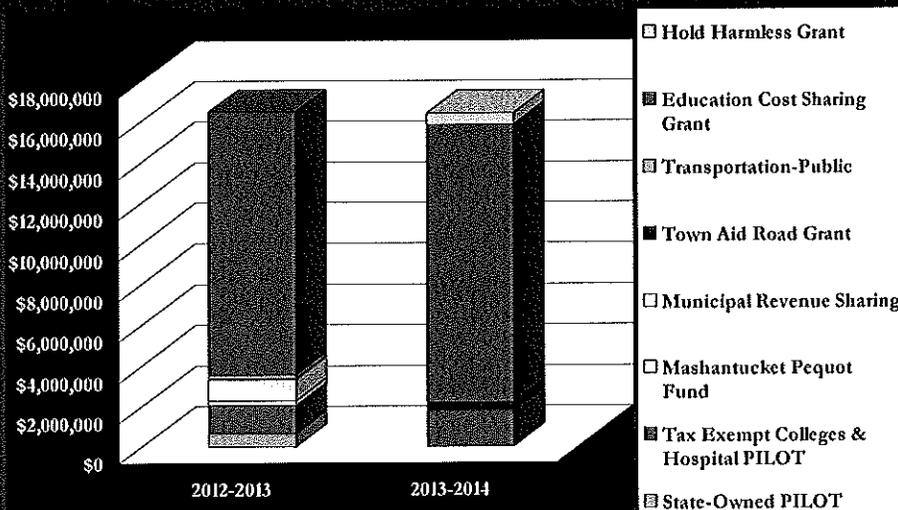
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State of Connecticut Statutory Formula Grants



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Fund Balance

		Expenditure Level	%
Available Fund Balance 6/30/12	\$14,417,347	\$103,441,941	14%
Estimated Excess Revenues	\$500,000		
Assigned to 2013-14	-\$2,250,000		
Projected Fund Balance 6/30/13	\$12,667,347	\$107,817,231	11.7%
Retention @ 10%	-\$10,781,723	\$107,817,231	10%
Remaining	\$1,885,624		

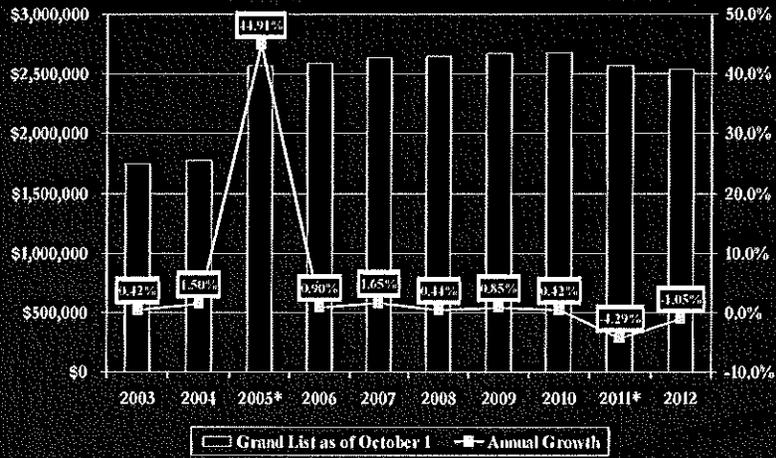
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Net Grand List

CATEGORY	2011	2012	% CHANGE	\$ CHANGE
REAL ESTATE	\$2,213,614,991	\$2,188,702,373	-1.1%	\$-24,912,618
PERSONAL PROPERTY	134,169,320	134,889,100	0.5%	719,780
MOTOR VEHICLE	216,492,043	213,855,277	-1.2%	-2,636,766
TOTAL	\$2,564,276,354	\$2,537,446,750	-1.0%	\$-26,828,604

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Net Taxable Grand List Growth (000s)



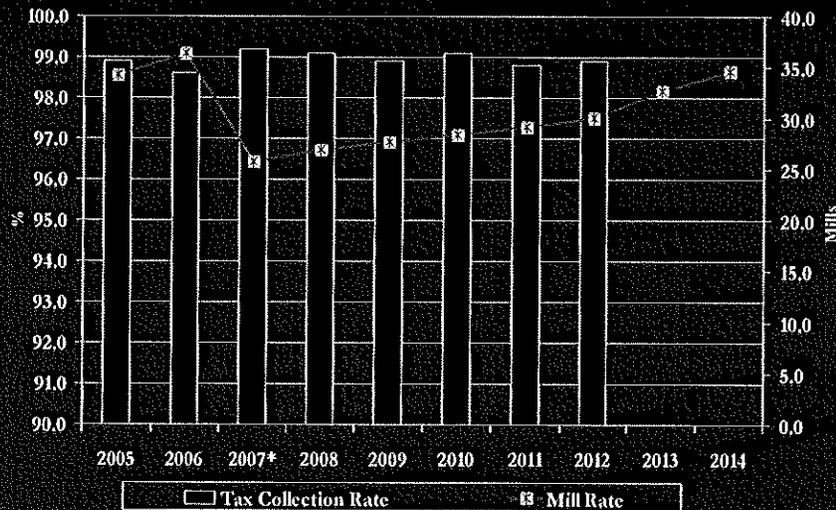
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Mill Rate – Residential Taxpayer Impact

Fiscal Year	Mill Rate	Average Assessment	Tax Amount	\$ Change	% Change
2011-12	30.02	156,380	4,695		
2012-13	32.64	143,368	4,679	-15	-.33%
2013-14	34.66	143,368	4,969	289	6.18%

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Tax Collection & Mill Rate



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