

TOWN OF SCITUATE

March 16, 2007

The Town Council has prepared the budget that is to be acted upon at the Annual Financial Town Meeting to be held on Tuesday, **April 3, 2007 at 8:00 pm** in the High School Auditorium.

A copy of the budget and a chart showing the percent thereof allocated to the several appropriations for the various town services is shown on the following pages.

The budget totals \$30,200,443 which is an increase of \$1,169,216 over the total sum appropriated /at the last annual meeting. The administration deems this amount necessary to continue existing services.

Though this budget includes increased spending for education, public safety, highway improvements, libraries, recreational programs, social services, town properties and cultural services, it also reflects the Council's reduction of numerous expenditures originally requested. The reductions include the elimination of town employee positions.

Since revenue of \$7,857,367 will be available from other than the current tax, it will be necessary to raise \$22,343,076 by taxation. If items 1-8 and the resolutions are adopted without change, the real estate tax rate will not exceed \$21.42 per thousand for residential real estate, \$28.92 per thousand for commercial, industrial, mixed use real estate and \$32.13 per thousand for tangible personal property. The motor vehicle tax rate remains frozen at \$30.20 per thousand in accordance with state law. The proposed tax rates equal an effective tax rate increase of 5.25%. This represents a rate decrease of \$3.15 per thousand for residential tax payers.

It is hoped that as many qualified registered voters as possible attend this meeting. Individuals requesting interpreter services for the hearing impaired must call 647-2822 seventy-two hours in advance of said meeting. TTY # is 1-800-745-5555.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert R. Budway
Town Council President

Margaret M. Long
Town Clerk

FOR CONSIDERING THE FOLLOWING:

Resolution No. 1:

Tax Anticipation Notes \$2,000,000. This is the annual resolution for TAN's.

Resolution No. 2:

Authorizing the Issuance of \$546,000 in notes for the purchase of Public Safety and Highway Equipment.

Resolution No. 3:

Authorizing the Issuance of \$188,750 in notes for maintenance and repairs of school buildings and grounds.

**Town of Scituate Budget of Appropriations for the Annual
Financial Town Meeting to be held April 3, 2007 at 8 o'clock in the Evening
Scituate High School Auditorium Recommended by the Town Council**

APP. NO.	DESCRIPTION	RECOMMENDED 2007-2008	BUDGETED 2006-2007	NET CHANGES	% NET CHANGE
ITEM 1 DEBT SERVICE					
110	PRINCIPAL & INTEREST/BONDS & NOTES	1,551,116	1,473,468	77,648	5.27%
ITEM 2 EDUCATION					
210	SUPPORT OF PUBLIC EDUCATION	20,560,332	19,751,600	808,732	4.09%
210	SCHOOL COMMITTEE	10,200	10,200.00	0	0.00%
ITEM 3 PUBLIC WORKS					
310	HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT	1,137,613	1,097,963	39,650	3.61%
320	SOLID WASTE	555,330	523,621	31,709	6.06%
330	TOWN PROPERTIES, SALARIES/MAINTENANCE	307,766	296,660	11,106	3.74%
340	PAWTUXET RIVER AUTHORITY	2,800	2,800	0	0.00%
350	CARE OF TREES	10,500	10,500	0	0.00%
390	CEMETERY CARE	4,000	4,000	0	0.00%
ITEM 4 PUBLIC SAFETY					
410	POLICE DEPARTMENT	1,715,708	1,615,267	100,441	6.22%
420	FIRE DEPARTMENTS	754,837	841,315	-86,478	-10.28%
430	EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY	29,141	29,120	21	0.07%
440	ANIMAL CONTROL	65,359	65,244	115	0.18%
450	STREET LIGHTS	85,000	85,000	0	0.00%
ITEM 5 RECREATION & CULTURAL SERVICES					
510	RECREATION	176,220	188,079	-11,859	-6.31%
520	NORTHERN RI EXTENSION SERVICES	1,700	1,700	0	0.00%
530	LIBRARIES	421,324	401,932	19,392	4.82%
540	MEMORIAL & VETERANS' DAYS	1,000	1,000	0	0.00%
ITEM 6 SOCIAL SERVICES					
610	HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES	125,500	109,920	15,580	14.17%
620	WELFARE DEPARTMENT	11,014	11,300	-286	-2.53%
ITEM 7 GENERAL GOVERNMENT					
710	TOWN TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT	174,282	165,037	9,245	5.60%
720	TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE	209,009	205,984	3,025	1.47%
730	TAX COLLECTION & ASSESSMENT	210,511	228,952	-18,441	-8.05%
740	TOWN COUNCIL	15,000	15,700	-700	-4.46%
750	BOARD OF CANVASSERS	15,340	24,355	-9,015	-37.01%
760	BUILDING, ZONING/ CODE ENFORCEMENT	250,864	244,150	6,714	2.75%
770	PROBATE JUDGE	3,400	3,400	0	0.00%
780	LEGAL SERVICES/MGT/CONSULT/WATER STDY	241,080	156,858	84,222	53.69%
ITEM 8 FIXED CHARGES					
810	AUDIT	23,440	23,440	0	0.00%
820	OFFICER'S BONDS	1,642	1,642	0	0.00%
830	SOCIAL SECURITY/BLUE CROSS/RETIREMENT UNEMPLOYMENT/INS./SEPARATION/SUPL POLICE	1,529,415	1,441,020	88,395	6.13%
TOTAL		30,200,443	29,031,227	1,169,216	4.03%

Providence Water Supply Board Tax Issue Update

Dear Residents,

On behalf of the members of the Scituate Town Council, I would like to provide an update regarding our relationship with the Providence Water Supply Board (PWSB). The tax dispute with the PWSB is still ongoing. Despite an initial Court decision that may favor the PWSB, both sides continue to seek an amicable, lasting solution. The PWSB continues to pay the Town the total tax billed.

Given the City of Providence's consideration of various alternatives for the future of the reservoir, including a sale, the Town has publicly expressed its serious interest as a prospective purchaser. In pursuit of this goal, the Town Council has appointed a Reservoir Acquisition Exploratory Committee chaired by our immediate past Town Council President, Ted Richard. It is unclear at this time as to whether or not resolution of the tax issue and the possible sale and purchase of reservoir are separate or intertwined. What is clear is that the Town Council will continue to pursue every avenue to protect the interests of our taxpayers. Until final resolution is achieved and financial uncertainties defined, the Town must continue to be fiscally prudent in its operation. To this end, the Town Council encourages and appreciates your support of the budget presented.

Sincerely,

Robert Budway, Town Council President

The Scituate Health Access Program

The Scituate Health Plan Committee has initiated this unique program to provide residents who meet the federal low-income guidelines and who do not have any health insurance with office visits at a local physician's office. The only charge to the resident will be a per visit co-pay of \$10.00. The qualified resident will be entitled to primary care visits, including an annual check up and sick visits for the calendar year 2007. This is not a full coverage plan and covers primary care only. Residents who are interested in coverage can contact the Town Clerk's Office at 401-647-2822 for more information. The Town of Scituate does not administer this program.

Getting Involved Makes the Difference

That's the motto of the Scituate Police Department. It reflects the department's commitment to community policing. But it's not just something that we do; it is a partnership of all residents of Scituate with the police. When you see something suspicious, call the police. Help prevent crimes of opportunity, lock your vehicles in the driveway and don't leave valuables like wallets or cell phones in the car. Vehicles such as motorcycles should be secured in locked buildings. Scituate is a safe community and we can all keep it that way with simple preventative steps. Speeding is the most frequent complaint that I hear, even on roads with no outlet like Franklin Road. Friends and neighbors, we are the speeders. Slow down and be considerate of others and we will all be safer. You may need help someday, but it will be delayed because you don't have your house number posted in plain view. Minutes count in critical situations. If you have an interest in the police department, read our quarterly Informant newsletter in the Foster Home Journal and Scituate Star. Each September the department conducts a Citizens Police Academy sponsored by the FOFA Lodge #30. For more information call Captain David Randall at 821-5900.

Chief of Police Colonel William F. Mack

Dog Licenses

Dog licenses expire April 30th. New licenses must be procured on or before April 21, 2007 pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws 1956 as amended Sec. 4-13-4. A current rabies vaccination certificate must be submitted to the Town Clerks office when licensing your dog. License Fee is \$10.00. Town Clerk's office hours are 8:30 AM to 4 PM, Monday through Friday. Rabies Clinic to be held Saturday, April 21, 11 AM – 2 PM at the Scituate Animal Shelter, Clayville. Cost \$10.00; licenses available

Holiday Trash Collection

Below is a list of holidays on which there will be no trash pickup; collection will be a day later. New Year's Day, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Memorial Day, Victory Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veterans' Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day.

TREASURER'S MESSAGE

The Town Treasurer is elected every two years. The Treasurer is responsible for the timely receipt and deposit of all revenues into the Town of Scituate's Treasury. He is responsible for sound financial investments, oversees notes, bonds, pensions, teachers and municipal employee's retirement system. The Treasurer acts in accordance with Rhode Island Laws maintaining the highest standards of ethics and accountability.

We are proud of our Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the year 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2006. The Town Treasurer serves as a member of the Budget Committee, Town of Scituate Personnel Board, Finance Committee, Human Resource Committee and Police Pension Study Committee. The Treasurer's office hours are 8:30 A. M. to 4:00 P. M., Monday thru Friday. My office is here to see that you receive superior service. You may contact the office at (401) 647-2547.

THEODORE J. PRZYBYLA
Treasurer

		BUDGET 07/8	INC/DEC	APPROP. TOTAL	NET CHANGE
ITEM 1	DEBT SERVICE				
110	PRINCIPAL & INTEREST ON BONDS & NOTES			1,551,116	77,648
	PRINCIPAL ON BONDS & NOTES	1,082,715	94,000		
	INTEREST ON BONDS & NOTES	430,914	34,979		
	CAPITAL LEASE/PUBLIC SAFETY	37,487	(51,331)		
ITEM 2	EDUCATION				
210	SUPPORT OF PUBLIC EDUCATION			20,570,532	808,732
	EDUCATION	20,560,332	808,732		
	SCHOOL COMMITTEE	10,200	0		
ITEM 3	PUBLIC WORKS				
310	HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT			1,137,613	39,650
	SALARIES	735,254	37,866		
	SUPPLIES & MATERIALS	222,175	0		
	TELEPHONE	6,100	0		
	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	0	0		
	PAVING & DRAINAGE	150,000	0		
	INSURANCE	24,084	1,784		
320	SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL			555,330	31,709
	RUBBISH PICKUP & CONTAINER RENTAL	283,770	18,149		
	SANITARY LANDFILL	165,000	7,000		
	RECYCLING PROGRAM	106,560	6,560		
330	TOWN PROPERTIES			307,766	11,106
	MAINTENANCE/SALARIES	134,681	3,079		
	SUPPLIES & EXPENSES	173,085	8,027		
340	PAWTUXET RIVER AUTHORITY	2,800	0	2,800	0
350	CARE OF TREES			10,500	0
	TREE WARDEN	500	0		
	TREE CARE EXPENSES	10,000	0		
380	SEWER COMM			0	0
	REGIONAL SEWER COMM	0	0		
	HOPE SEWER COMM	0	0		
390	CEMETERY CARE	4,000	0	4,000	0

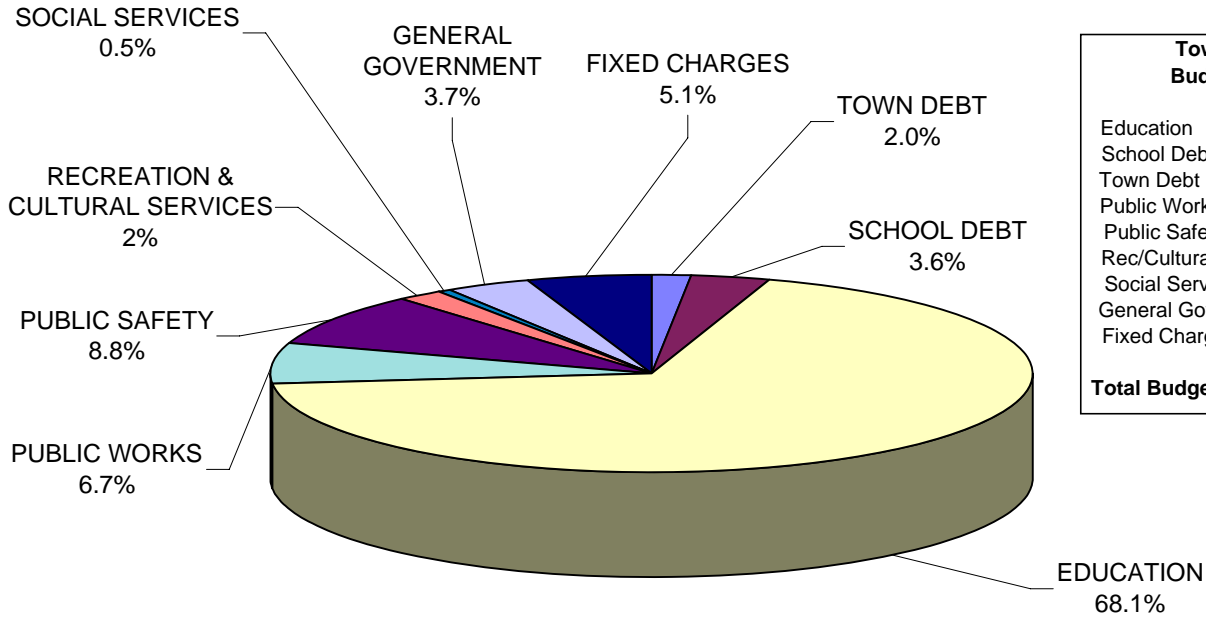
	BUDGET 07/08	INC/DEC	APPROP. TOTAL	NET CHANGE
ITEM 4	PUBLIC SAFETY			
410	POLICE DEPARTMENT		1,715,708	100,441
	SALARIES	1,479,232		
	EDUCATION	5,000		
	SUPPLIES/EXPENSES/INSURANCE	205,176		
	TELEPHONES	15,000		
	TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION	300		
	SICK LEAVE	4,000		
	TRAINING	7,000		
	CAPITAL EXPENSE	0		
	HOMELAND SECURITY	0		
	GOVERNOR'S JUSTICE LAW ENFORC.	0		
	GRANT EXPENSE	0		
420	FIRE DEPARTMENTS		754,837	-86,478
	NORTH SCITUATE FIRE DEPT.	74,248		
	HOPE-JACKSON FIRE CO.	78,896		
	POTTERVILLE FIRE DEPT.	45,603		
	CHOPMIST HILL FIRE DEPT.	51,017		
	FIRE HYDRANTS	21,748		
	FIRE ENGINEERING BOARD	12,000		
	FIRE DEPT. CAPITAL	0		
	FIRE DEPT. FUEL	23,000		
	FIRE DEPT. INSURANCE/TRAINING/COMMUNICATIO	120,025		
	FIRE DEPT. TRUCK MAINTENANCE	20,500		
	RESCUE CONTINGENCY	71,000		
	EMERGENCY MEDICAL SVCS	236,800		
430	EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY		29,141	21
	EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR	24,553		
	SUPPLIES & MATERIALS	4,588		
440	ANIMAL CONTROL		65,359	115
	ANIMAL CONTROL SALARIES	53,359		
	SUPPLIES & EXPENSES	12,000		
450	STREET LIGHTS, NARRAGANSETT ELECTRIC	85,000	85,000	0
ITEM 5	RECREATION AND CULTURAL SERVICES			
510	RECREATION AND CULTURAL SERVICES		176,220	-11,859
	SALARIES	98,700		
	GEN'L EXPENSE	67,520		
	RECREATION CAPITAL	0		
	OPEN SPACE/LAND USE	10,000		
520	NORTHERN RI EXTENSION SERVICE	1,700	1,700	0
530	LIBRARIES		421,324	19,392
	NORTH SCITUATE LIBRARY	210,662		
	HOPE LIBRARY	210,662		
540	MEMORIAL AND VETERAN'S DAY	1,000	1,000	0
ITEM 6	SOCIAL SERVICES			
610	HEALTH SERVICES		125,500	15,580
	NW NURSING & HEALTH	8,838		
	MENTAL HEALTH OF NWRI	14,586		
	SAMARITANS	500		
	COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY ACTION	10,000		
	SENIOR DAY CARE	2,500		
	SENIOR CITIZEN VAN SALARIES	31,483		
	SENIOR SERVICES VAN CAPITAL	0		
	PART TIME SALARIES	33,206		
	PROGAMS/ACTIVITY/SPEAKERS	2,000		
	VAN MAINTENANCE EXPENSE	6,500		
	SENIOR VAN SVCS EXPENSE	600		
	SOJOURNER HOUSE	1,000		
	OFFICE SUPPLIES/POSTAGE	4,700		
	TELEPHONE EXPENSE	750		
	SCITUATE HEALTH ALLIANCE	8,837		
620	WELFARE DEPARTMENT		11,014	-286
	DIRECTOR SALARY	4,989		
	WELFARE EXPENSES	6,025		

	BUDGET 07/08	INC/DEC	APPROP. TOTAL	NET CHANGE
ITEM 7	GENERAL GOVERNMENT			
710	TOWN TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT		174,282	9,245
	SALARIES	141,102	3,231	
	SUPPLIES	18,655	1,039	
	POSTAGE	950	0	
	DATA PROCESSING	0	0	
	PRINTING	250	0	
	TELEPHONES	1,200	0	
	COMPUTER HDWR/SOFTWARE	2,000	0	
	TRAINING	2,000	0	
	COMPUTER CONVERSION	4,975	4,975	
	SERVICE/MAINTENANCE	3,150	0	
720	TOWN CLERK'S DEPARTMENT		209,009	3,025
	SALARIES	162,549	5,300	
	SUPPLIES	37,945	(2,275)	
	POSTAGE	2,515	1,015	
	PRINTING	1,500	(1,015)	
	ART FESIVAL PERMITS	500	0	
	TELEPHONES	4,000	0	
730	TAX COLLECTION AND ASSESSMENT		210,511	-18,440
	TAX DEPT. SALARIES	156,678	(5,180)	
	TAX ASSESSOR SUPPLIES/EXPENSES	7,000	0	
	TAX ASSESSOR COMPUTER/GIS	5,000	0	
	TAX ASSESSOR POSTAGE	1,000	0	
	TAX ASSESSOR DATA PROCESSING	8,855	0	
	TAX ASSESSOR TELEPHONES	1,300	0	
	TAX ASSESSOR PRINTING	1,700	0	
	BD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW SALARY/EXP	1,300	0	
	TAX COLLECTOR SUPPLIES	1,579	100	
	TAX COLLECTOR POSTAGE	5,899	0	
	TAX COLLECTOR DATA PROCESSING	15,500	1,000	
	TAX COLLECTOR PRINTING	4,700	140	
	COMPUTER	0	0	
	REVALUATION	0	(14,500)	
740	TOWN COUNCIL - SALARIES & EXPENSES	15,000	(700)	-700
750	BOARD OF CANVASSERS		15,340	-9,015
	BOARD OF CANVASSERS SALARIES	9,960	(7,175)	
	SUPPLIES AND EXPENSES	5,180	(1,840)	
	TOWN MODERATOR	200	0	
	DATA PROCESSING	0	0	
760	BUILDING, ZONING & CODE ENFORCEMENT		250,864	6,714
	INSPECTION DEPT. SALARIES	174,290	7,714	
	BUILDING INSPECTOR SUPPLIES/EXPENSES/DUES	11,480	0	
	BUILDING INSPECTOR POSTAGE	400	0	
	BUILDING INSPECTOR TELEPHONE	1,548	0	
	ZONING BOARD SALARIES/EXPENSES	11,930	0	
	PLAN COMMISSION SALARY	4,725	0	
	PLAN COMMISSION EXPENSES	11,500	0	
	MASTER PLAN/CODIFICATION	7,000	0	
	CONSERVATION COMMISSION SALARY & EXP	14,800	(1,000)	
	VILLAGE REVIEW COMMITTEES	3,641	0	
	CODE ENFORCEMENT	4,000	0	
	LAND TRUST SALARIES	300	0	
	LAND TRUST EXPENSES	5,250	0	
770	PROBATE JUDGE	3,000	0	0
	PROBATE EXPENSES	400	0	
780	LEGAL SERVICES/MANAGEMENT CONSULTANTS		241,080	84,222
	LEGAL SERVICES	158,980	84,122	
	LEGAL OPINIONS	2,000	0	
	MGMT/ENGINEERING CONSULTANT/WATER STUDY	60,000	0	
	POLICE CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	20,000	0	
	WILD LIFE	100	100	

	BUDGET 07/08	INC/DEC	APPROP. TOTAL	NET CHANGE	
ITEM 8	FIXED CHARGES				
810	AUDIT	23,440	0	23,440	0
820	OFFICER'S BONDS	1,642	0	1,642	0
830	SOCIAL SECURITY, BLUE CROSS, RETIREMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT/SEPARATION/INSURANCE/CONTINGENCY				
	SOCIAL SECURITY (FICA)	206,381	21,690	1,529,415	88,395
	MEDICARE	48,266	5,072		
	BLUE CROSS & DELTA DENTAL	638,555	3,563		
	RETIREMENT SYS. MUNICIPAL	179,633	20,242		
	RETIREMENT SYS. POLICE	131,645	35,814		
	POLICE CHIEF RETIREMENT	13,510	6,349		
	UNEMPLOYMENT/SEPARATION	50,000	(5,000)		
	LIFE INSURANCE	7,315	665		
	SUPL POLICE PENSION CONTRIBUTION	250,000	0		
	RI LEAGUE OF CITIES & TOWNS	4,110	0		
	TOTAL BUDGET 2007/2008	30,200,443	1,169,216		

REVENUE ACCOUNTS					
	PROPERTY TAX	22,343,076	920,450		
	TAX INTEREST & FEES	100,796	14,400		
	STATISTICAL REVALUATION (RI)	0	(58,000)		
	STATE AID TO EDUCATION	3,031,446	50,000		
	OTHER SCHOOL REVENUES	122,500	23,595		
	SCHOOL BUDGETED SURPLUS	952,000	0		
	MV/INVENTORY TAX PHASE OUT	1,623,265	159,436		
	EMERGENCY MEDICAL SVCS REV	125,000	25,000		
	GENERAL FUND REVENUE	695,237	78,500		
	VARIOUS FUNDS REVENUE	428,310	(52,200)		
	MISC/STATE/FEDERAL REVENUE	325,025	0		
	TELEPHONE TAX	105,000	(20,000)		
	STATE REVENUE SHARING	320,000	(753)		
	TOWN CLERK REVENUE	28,788	28,788		
	TOTAL REVENUE	30,200,443	1,169,216		

TOWN OF SCITUATE 2007 - 2008



Education	\$20,570,532
School Debt	1,082,715
Town Debt	468,401
Public Works	2,018,009
Public Safety	2,650,045
Rec/Cultural Svcs	600,244
Social Services	136,514
General Government	1,119,486
Fixed Charges	<u>1,554,497</u>
Total Budget	\$30,200,443

SCITUATE TOWN BUDGET 2007-2008
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