

# TOWN OF SCITUATE

March 30, 2009

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 7, 2009 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.

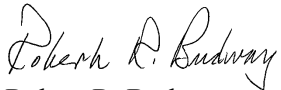
The budget totals \$31,754,860 which is an increase of \$351,976 over the total sum appropriated at the last annual meeting. The administration deems this amount necessary to continue existing services.

This budget includes spending for education, public safety, highway improvements, debt repayment, libraries, recreational programs, social services, town properties and cultural services. It reflects the Council's reduction of numerous expenditures originally requested. The reductions include the elimination of Town and School employee positions.

Since revenue of \$7,180,946 will be available from other than the current tax, it will be necessary to raise \$24,573,915 by taxation. If budget items 1-8 and the resolution are adopted without change, the real estate tax rate will not exceed \$24.42 per thousand for residential real estate, \$32.96 per thousand for commercial, industrial, mixed use real estate and \$36.63 per thousand for tangible personal property. The motor vehicle tax rate remains frozen at \$30.20 per thousand in accordance with state law. This is a proposed increase of 4.75% over the current year property tax levy. The above property tax estimates have been computed in a manner approved by the Rhode Island Department Revenue.

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:

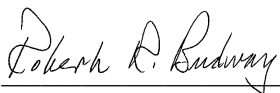
### Resolution No. 1:

Tax Anticipation Notes \$3,000,000. This is the annual resolution for TAN's.

Dear Residents,

The budget before you raises the tax levy by the statutory limit of 4.75% and is the result of months of diligent effort and universal cooperation in the face of unprecedented financial challenges. Shrinking revenue combined with the increased debt service for the Providence Water Supply Agreement and Middle School Project, approved earlier at special Financial Town Meetings, and expanding uncertainties necessitated level funding where possible. Also required were line item reductions, curtailment of capital expenditures and the regretful elimination of multiple staff positions in the School Department and all Town departments and offices including Building Inspector, Town Clerk, Treasurer, Tax Assessor, Tax Collector, Public Works, and Police.

In order to achieve this budget, it was also necessary to seek a freeze of employee wages. **Without exception, every Town and School employee agreed to forego any increase in wages for twelve months, including those increases previously agreed to by contract.** The Town Council, the School Committee, and the Town Treasurer express their appreciation and thanks to all employees who willingly stepped forward to assist in this time of great need.



Robert Budway  
Town Council President

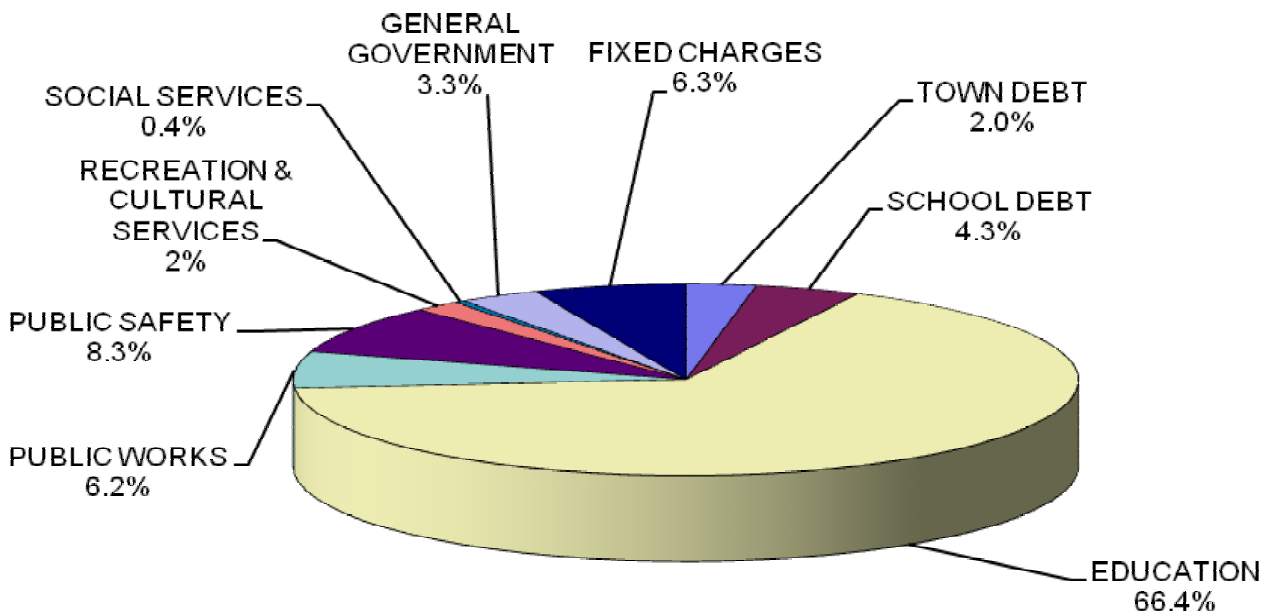


Ernest Marcure  
School Committee Chairman



Theodore Przybyla  
Town Treasurer

### PROPOSED BUDGET 2009-2010



**Town of Scituate Budget of Appropriations for the Annual  
Financial Town Meeting to be held April 7, 2009 at 8 o'clock in the Evening  
Scituate High School Auditorium Recommended by the Town Council**

APP. NO.	DESCRIPTION	RECOMMENDED 2009-2010	BUDGETED 2008-2009	NET CHANGES	% NET CHANGE
<b>ITEM 1 DEBT SERVICE</b>					
110	PRINCIPAL & INTEREST/BONDS & NOTES	2,292,651	1,855,847	436,804	23.54%
<b>ITEM 2 EDUCATION</b>					
210	SUPPORT OF PUBLIC EDUCATION	21,070,586	21,070,586	0	0.00%
210	SCHOOL COMMITTEE	10,200	10,200	0	0.00%
<b>ITEM 3 PUBLIC WORKS</b>					
310	HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT	1,057,215	1,140,095	-82,880	-7.27%
320	SOLID WASTE	592,155	571,500	20,655	3.61%
330	TOWN PROPERTIES, SALARIES/MAINTENANCE	305,725	309,460	-3,735	-1.21%
340	PAWTUXET RIVER AUTHORITY	2,800	2,800	0	0.00%
350	CARE OF TREES	8,500	8,500	0	0.00%
360	WESTERN RI HOME REPAIR	2,000	2,000	0	0.00%
390	CEMETERY CARE	3,425	3,900	-475	-12.18%
<b>ITEM 4 PUBLIC SAFETY</b>					
410	POLICE DEPARTMENT	1,719,703	1,713,555	6,148	0.36%
420	FIRE DEPARTMENTS	756,999	755,974	1,025	0.14%
430	EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY	3,960	52,594	-48,634	-92.47%
440	ANIMAL CONTROL	72,259	72,693	-434	-0.60%
450	STREET LIGHTS	82,000	82,000	0	0.00%
<b>ITEM 5 RECREATION &amp; CULTURAL SERVICES</b>					
510	RECREATION	179,727	175,174	4,553	2.60%
520	NORTHERN RI EXTENSION SERVICES	1,700	1,700	0	0.00%
530	LIBRARIES	422,707	422,707	0	0.00%
540	MEMORIAL & VETERANS' DAYS	1,000	1,000	0	0.00%
<b>ITEM 6 SOCIAL SERVICES</b>					
610	HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES	123,920	125,106	-1,186	-0.95%
620	WELFARE DEPARTMENT	9,566	9,885	-319	-3.23%
<b>ITEM 7 GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>					
710	TOWN TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT	158,240	175,310	-17,070	-9.74%
720	TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE	171,682	210,232	-38,550	-18.34%
730	TAX COLLECTION & ASSESSMENT	223,152	348,125	-124,973	-35.90%
740	TOWN COUNCIL	14,500	14,500	0	0.00%
750	BOARD OF CANVASSERS	11,581	20,831	-9,250	-44.40%
760	BUILDING, ZONING/ CODE ENFORCEMENT	223,718	250,545	-26,827	-10.71%
770	PROBATE JUDGE	3,650	3,200	450	14.06%
780	LEGAL SERVICES/MGT/CONSULT	242,398	242,398	0	0.00%
<b>ITEM 8 FIXED CHARGES</b>					
810	AUDIT	29,300	23,440	5,860	25.00%
820	OFFICER'S BONDS	1,660	1,660	0	0.00%
830	SOCIAL SECURITY/BLUE CROSS/RETIREMENT UNEMPLOYMENT/INS./SEPARATION/SUPL POLICE	1,956,181	1,725,367	230,814	13.38%
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>31,754,860</b>	<b>31,402,884</b>	<b>351,976</b>	<b>1.12%</b>

	BUDGET 09/10	INC/DEC	APPROP. TOTAL	NET CHANGE
<b>ITEM 1 DEBT SERVICE</b>				
110 PRINCIPAL & INTEREST ON BONDS & NOTES			2,292,651	436,804
PRINCIPAL ON BONDS & NOTES	1,380,000	84,447		
INTEREST ON BONDS & NOTES	912,651	388,701		
CAPITAL LEASE/PUBLIC SAFETY	0	-36,344		
<b>ITEM 2 EDUCATION</b>				
210 SUPPORT OF PUBLIC EDUCATION			21,080,786	0
EDUCATION	21,070,586	0		
SCHOOL COMMITTEE	10,200	0		
<b>ITEM 3 PUBLIC WORKS</b>				
310 HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT			1,057,215	-82,880
SALARIES	664,367	-91,077		
SUPPLIES & MATERIALS	235,728	3,428		
TELEPHONE	6,100	0		
PAVING & DRAINAGE	120,000	0		
INSURANCE	31,020	4,769		
320 SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL			592,155	20,655
RUBBISH PICKUP & CONTAINER RENTAL	300,731	10,731		
SANITARY LANDFILL	181,169	6,169		
RECYCLING PROGRAM	110,255	3,755		
330 TOWN PROPERTIES			305,725	-3,735
MAINTENANCE/SALARIES	130,768	-3,679		
SUPPLIES & EXPENSES	174,957	-56		
340 PAWTUXET RIVER AUTHORITY	2,800	0	2,800	0
350 CARE OF TREES			8,500	0
TREE WARDEN	500	0		
TREE CARE EXPENSES	8,000	0		
360 WESTERN RI HOME REPAIR	2,000	0	2,000	0
390 CEMETERY CARE	3,425	-475	3,425	-475
<b>ITEM 4 PUBLIC SAFETY</b>				
410 POLICE DEPARTMENT			1,719,703	6,148
SALARIES	1,466,537	-805		
EDUCATION	6,550	1,550		
SUPPLIES/EXPENSES/INSURANCE	222,341	6,428		
TELEPHONES	12,825	-675		
TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION	300	0		
SICK LEAVE	4,500	0		
TRAINING	6,650	-350		
420 FIRE DEPARTMENTS			756,999	1,025
NORTH SCITUATE FIRE DEPT.	75,732	0		
HOPE-JACKSON FIRE CO.	80,536	0		
POTTERVILLE FIRE DEPT.	46,935	0		
CHOPMIST HILL FIRE DEPT.	52,038	0		
FIRE HYDRANTS	22,183	435		
FIRE ENGINEERING BOARD	9,000	0		
FIRE DEPT. FUEL	24,300	590		
FIRE DEPT. INSURANCE/TRAINING/COMMUNICATI	133,000	0		
FIRE DEPT. TRUCK MAINTENANCE	20,500	0		
RESCUE CONTINGENCY	68,000	0		
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES	224,775	0		
430 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY			3,960	-48,634
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR	0	-48,222		
SUPPLIES & MATERIALS	3,960	-412		
440 ANIMAL CONTROL			72,259	-434
ANIMAL CONTROL SALARIES	55,710	437		
SUPPLIES & EXPENSES	16,549	-871		
450 STREET LIGHTS, NARRAGANSETT ELECTRIC	82,000	0	82,000	0

	BUDGET 09/10	INC/DEC	APPROP. TOTAL	NET CHANGE
<b>ITEM 5 RECREATION AND CULTURAL SERVICES</b>				
510 RECREATION AND CULTURAL SERVICES			179,727	4,553
SALARIES	112,154	8,000		
GENERAL EXPENSE	59,573	-3,447		
OPEN SPACE/LAND USE	8,000	0		
520 NORTHERN RI EXTENSION SERVICE	1,700	0	1,700	0
530 LIBRARIES			422,707	0
NORTH SCITUATE LIBRARY	212,045	0		
HOPE LIBRARY	210,662	0		
540 MEMORIAL AND VETERAN'S DAY	1,000	0	1,000	0
<b>ITEM 6 SOCIAL SERVICES</b>				
610 HEALTH SERVICES			123,920	-1,187
NW NURSING & HEALTH	8,198	-431		
MENTAL HEALTH OF NWRI	13,533	-712		
SAMARITANS	488	0		
COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY ACTION	9,766	0		
SENIOR DAY CARE	2,441	0		
SENIOR CITIZEN VAN SALARIES	32,469	-1		
PART TIME SALARIES	33,076	0		
PROGAMS/ACTIVITY/SPEAKERS	1,438	-12		
VAN MAINTENANCE EXPENSE	8,200	400		
SENIOR VAN SERVICES EXPENSE	300	0		
SOJOURNER HOUSE	977	0		
OFFICE SUPPLIES/POSTAGE	4,085	0		
TELEPHONE EXPENSE	750	0		
SCITUATE HEALTH ALLIANCE	8,199	-431		
620 WELFARE DEPARTMENT			9,566	-319
DIRECTOR SALARY	5,000	0		
WELFARE EXPENSES	4,566	-319		
<b>ITEM 7 GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>				
710 TOWN TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT			158,241	-17,069
SALARIES	128,184	-15,551		
SUPPLIES	16,055	-845		
POSTAGE	903	-47		
PRINTING	238	-12		
TELEPHONES	1,200	0		
COMPUTER HARDWARE/SOFTWARE	1,900	-100		
TRAINING	1,900	-100		
COMPUTER CONVERSION	4,726	-249		
SERVICE/MAINTENANCE	3,135	-165		
720 TOWN CLERK'S DEPARTMENT			171,682	-38,550
SALARIES	133,382	-36,429		
SUPPLIES	30,800	-1,621		
POSTAGE	1,500	-500		
PRINTING	2,000	0		
ART FESIVAL PERMITS	0	0		
TELEPHONES	4,000	0		
730 TAX COLLECTION AND ASSESSMENT			223,152	-124,972
TAX DEPT. SALARIES	143,676	-19,735		
TAX ASSESSOR SUPPLIES/EXPENSES	6,650	-350		
TAX ASSESSOR COMPUTER/GIS	2,500	-2,500		
TAX ASSESSOR POSTAGE	1,000	0		
TAX ASSESSOR DATA PROCESSING	8,225	-630		
TAX ASSESSOR TELEPHONES	1,300	0		
TAX ASSESSOR PRINTING	550	-1,150		
BD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW SALARY/EXP	1,300	0		
TAX COLLECTOR SUPPLIES	1,235	-65		
TAX COLLECTOR POSTAGE	5,510	-290		
TAX COLLECTOR DATA PROCESSING	11,838	-623		
TAX COLLECTOR PRINTING	4,465	-235		
REVALUATION	34,903	-99,394		

	BUDGET 09/10	INC/DEC	APPROP. TOTAL	NET CHANGE	
740	TOWN COUNCIL - SALARIES & EXPENSES	14,500	0	14,500	0
750	BOARD OF CANVASSERS			11,581	-9,250
	BOARD OF CANVASSERS SALARIES	7,555	-8,205		
	SUPPLIES AND EXPENSES	3,776	-1,195		
	TOWN MODERATOR	250	150		
760	BUILDING, ZONING & CODE ENFORCEMENT			223,718	-26,826
	INSPECTION DEPT. SALARIES	166,420	-14,741		
	BUILDING INSPECTOR SUPPLIES/EXPENSES/DUE:	10,927	-1,287		
	BUILDING INSPECTOR POSTAGE	200	0		
	BUILDING INSPECTOR TELEPHONE	1,308	0		
	ZONING BOARD SALARIES/EXPENSES	8,675	-1,795		
	PLAN COMMISSION SALARY	4,500	0		
	PLAN COMMISSION EXPENSES	7,675	-3,025		
	MASTER PLAN/CODIFICATION	3,600	-2,400		
	CONSERVATION COMMISSION SALARY & EXP	10,275	-1,125		
	VILLAGE REVIEW COMMITTEES	2,538	-503		
	CODE ENFORCEMENT	2,400	-1,600		
	LAND TRUST SALARIES	450	150		
	LAND TRUST EXPENSES	4,750	-500		
770	PROBATE JUDGE	3,450	450	3,650	450
	PROBATE EXPENSES	200	0		
780	LEGAL SERVICES/MANAGEMENT CONSULTANTS			242,398	0
	LEGAL SERVICES	163,398	0		
	LEGAL OPINIONS	2,000	0		
	MGMT/ENGINEERING CONSULTANT	58,500	0		
	POLICE CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	18,500	0		
<b>ITEM 8</b>	<b>FIXED CHARGES</b>				
810	AUDIT	29,300	5,860	29,300	5,860
820	OFFICER'S BONDS	1,660	0	1,660	0
830	SOCIAL SECURITY, BLUE CROSS, RETIREMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT/SEPARATION/INSURANCE/CONTINGENCY				
	SOCIAL SECURITY (FICA)	190,000	-24,636	1,956,181	230,814
	MEDICARE	45,000	-5,197		
	BLUE CROSS & DELTA DENTAL	745,000	-50,238		
	RETIREMENT SYSTEM MUNICIPAL	223,300	19,913		
	RETIREMENT SYSTEM POLICE	103,717	-32,865		
	POLICE CHIEF RETIREMENT	0	-8,252		
	UNEMPLOYMENT/SEPARATION	50,000	0		
	LIFE INSURANCE	12,454	-511		
	SUPL POLICE PENSION CONTRIBUTION	250,000	0		
	RI LEAGUE OF CITIES & TOWNS	4,110	0		
	RESTORE FUND BALANCE - TOWN	332,600	332,600		
	<b>TOTAL BUDGET 2009/2010</b>	<b>31,754,860</b>	<b>351,976</b>		

**REVENUE ACCOUNTS**

PROPERTY TAX	24,573,915	1,113,685
UNCOLLECTAABLE - 1%	-245,739	-245,739
TAX INTEREST & FEES	100,796	0
STATISTICAL REVALUATION (RI)	0	0
STATE AID TO EDUCATION	2,981,446	0
OTHER SCHOOL REVENUES	122,500	0
SCHOOL BUDGETED SURPLUS	1,152,000	0
MV/INVENTORY TAX PHASE OUT	1,623,265	0
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SVCS REV	100,000	0
GENERAL FUND REVENUE	531,059	7,659
TOWN SURPLUS	0	-117,412
VARIOUS FUNDS REVENUE	330,901	-100,909
MISC/STATE/FEDERAL REVENUE	325,025	0
TELEPHONE TAX	105,000	0
HEALTH - CPAYS	54,692	0
STATE REVENUE SHARING	0	-320,000
TOWN CLERK REVENUE	0	14,692
TOTAL REVENUE	<u>31,754,860</u>	<u>351,976</u>

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**Safety and Security is Everyone's Responsibility**

The Scituate Police Department is committed to its new motto: *"Positive Results Through Professional Service."*

We strive to be partners with the community because it is by working together that we solve community problems, increase operational effectiveness, and maintain a high quality of life for all residents. The department will continue on a course to maintain a high level of professionalism. We will build upon the community programs and other successes of the past and continue to grow as a transparent, responsive, and people-oriented police department.

Friends and neighbors, it is so important that we all work together to make our roadways and neighborhoods safe. Please remember that most roadways here can be claimed as someone's neighborhood, where there may be children at play. When driving through our neighborhoods, we all need to show respect for others by not speeding or driving distracted while talking on cell phones or text messaging. It is also critical for all residents to take an active role in reducing and deterring local crime and disorder "opportunities" that law breakers seek. Everyone can do their part by just taking some simple but effective steps to improve safety and security.

**IMPORTANT SAFETY AND SECURITY CONSIDERATIONS:**

(1) Be aware of your surroundings; (2) Lock building and vehicle windows and doors; (3) activate alarm systems; (4) use exterior (motion) and interior (time-controlled) lightning; (5) consider a dog; (6) seek cooperative security efforts with neighbors, friends, and family; (7) when away, arrange pickup of mail and packages; (8) post house numbers in plain view for emergency responders to see; and (9) REPORT ALL SUSPICIOUS ACITIVITY IMMEDIATELY.

We encourage everyone to learn more about our police department by reading the quarterly "Informant Newsletter", located within the Foster Home Journal/Scituate Star, or by participating in the annual Citizens' Police Academy. By getting involved and taking an active role in safety and security matters, you will be greatly assisting us in achieving *"Positive Results through Professional Service"* and enhancing the quality of life for our community.

Sincerely,



Colonel David M. Randall  
Chief of Police

SCITUATE TOWN BUDGET 2009-10  
Scituate Town Council  
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North Scituate, Rhode Island 02857

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**BOXHOLDER  
SCITUATE RESIDENT**

**RUBBISH REMOVAL HOLIDAY SCHEDULE. TRASH PICK UP WILL BE ONE DAY LATE.**

- New Year's Day**
- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**
- Memorial Day**
- Independence Day**
- Victory Day**
- Labor Day**
- Columbus Day**
- Veteran's Day**
- Thanksgiving Day**
- Christmas Day**

**HOLIDAYS THAT FALL ON A SATURDAY WILL NOT CAUSE TRASH PICK-UP TO BE A DAY LATE**

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**NO DATE HAS BEEN SET YET FOR THE SCITUATE RABIES CLINIC**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL 647-7200**

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