WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Topsham, Maine
May 18, 2016
Sagadahoc, ss

TO: Chris Lewis, a Constable for the Town of Topsham
FROM: Municipal Officers of Topsham

GREETING: You are hereby required in the name of the State of Maine to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Topsham, qualified to vote on Town Affairs, to assemble at Mt. Ararat High School Commons on the 18th day of May, 2016 A.D. at 7:00 o'clock p.m. Eastern Daylight Time and then and there to act on Articles 1 thru 22 to wit:

Article 1 - To elect a **Moderator** to preside at said meeting.

Article 2 - To have the Town vote to raise, appropriate and spend the sum of **$1,460,308** for Debt Service.

	2016-17 Board of Selectmen Recommendation	Allocation	2016-17 Finance Committee Recommendation
Library	$ 109,437	Taxation	$ 109,437
Monument Place Extension	$ 5,000	Impact Fees	$ 5,000
	$ 182,501	Interchange TIF	$ 182,501
Municipal Building	$ 234,683	Frost St/By-Pass TIF	$ 234,683
	$ 564,666	Taxation	$ 564,666
Municipal Complex (Includes Sidewalks)	$ 179,200	Taxation	$ 179,200
Fire Truck	$ 33,631	Taxation	$ 33,631
	$ 12,691	By-Pass North TIF	$ 12,691
	$ 1,904	By-Pass TIF	$ 1,904
	$ 317	Village Candle TIF	$ 317
	$ 317	Bowdoin Mill TIF	$ 317
	$ 3,173	Interchange TIF	$ 3,173
	$ 9,518	Frost Street TIF	$ 9,518
	$ 1,269	Downtown TIF	$ 1,269
	$ 635	Affordable Housing TIF	$ 635
Public Works Truck	$ 11,547	Taxation	$ 11,547
	$ 1,050	Village Candle TIF	$ 1,050
	$ 1,050	Bowdoin Mill TIF	$ 1,050
	$ 1,050	By-Pass North TIF	$ 1,050
	$ 3,150	Interchange TIF	$ 3,150
	$ 2,100	Downtown TIF	$ 2,100
	$ 1,050	Affordable Housing TIF	$ 1,050
Equipment Bond (2015)	$ 48,036	Taxation	$ 48,036
	$ 1,334	By-Pass TIF	$ 1,334
	$ 2,446	Village Candle TIF	$ 2,446
	$ 2,446	Bowdoin Mill TIF	$ 2,446
	$ 11,119	By-Pass North TIF	$ 11,119
	$ 8,895	Interchange TIF	$ 8,895
	$ 6,671	Frost Street TIF	$ 6,671
	$ 5,337	Downtown TIF	$ 5,337
	$ 2,669	Affordable Housing TIF	$ 2,669
Equipment Bond (2017) (proposed)	$ 5,187	Taxation	$ 5,187
	$ 203	By-Pass TIF	$ 203
	$ 372	Village Candle TIF	$ 372
	$ 372	Bowdoin Mill TIF	$ 372
	$ 1,693	By-Pass North TIF	$ 1,693
	$ 1,354	Interchange TIF	$ 1,354
	$ 1,016	Frost Street TIF	$ 1,016
	$ 813	Downtown TIF	$ 813
	$ 406	Affordable Housing TIF	$ 406
	$ 1,460,308	**TOTAL**	**$ 1,460,308**

Board of Selectmen Recommendation: **Ought to Pass**
Finance Committee Recommendation: **Ought to Pass**

Article 3 - To see what sum the Town will vote to spend for **General Government** under the following accounts and to see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the same:

General Government	2015-16 Approved Appropriation	2016-17 Board of Selectmen Recommendation	2016-17 Finance Committee Recommendation
1. Administration	$ 209,432	$ 205,878	$ 205,878
2. Municipal Officers	$ 19,199	$ 18,621	$ 18,621
3. Finance Manager	$ 77,230	$ 74,439	$ 74,439
4. Central Services	$ 99,800	$ 101,100	$ 101,100
5. Tax/Clerk	$ 251,978	$ 250,928	$ 250,928
6. Codes	$ 86,250	$ 90,549	$ 90,549
7. Assessing	$ 109,875	$ 142,315	$ 142,315
8. Elections/Registration	$ 11,236	$ 14,209	$ 14,209
9. Planning Office	$ 223,974	$ 229,852	$ 229,852
10. Economic Development	$ 110,365	$ 118,065	$ 118,065
11. Municipal Insurance	$ 110,500	$ 88,842	$ 88,842
12. Facilities Maintenance	$ 172,898	$ 165,057	$ 165,057
13. Parks & Recreation	$ 374,410	$ 369,985	$ 369,985
14. Library	$ 470,546	$ 541,355	$ 541,355
15. General Assistance	$ 58,621	$ 61,853	$ 61,853
16. Contractual Services	$ 103,500	$ 98,500	$ 98,500
17. Public Utilities	$ 324,000	$ 339,250	$ 339,250
18. Municipal TIF Fund	$ 133,588	$ 227,173	$ 227,173
TOTALS	**$ 2,947,402**	**$ 3,137,971**	**$ 3,137,971**

2016-17 Board of Selectmen Recommendation	Allocation	2016-17 Finance Committee Recommendation
$ 299,768	Interchange TIF	$ 299,768
$ 446,757	State Revenue Sharing	$ 446,757
$ 480,765	General Revenue	$ 480,765
$ 307,000	Homestead Exemption	$ 307,000
$ 23,000	BETE Reimbursement	$ 23,000
$ 1,436,032	Taxation	$ 1,436,032
$ 144,503	Downtown TIF	$ 144,503
$ 146	Affordable Housing TIF	$ 146
$ 3,137,971	**Total**	**$ 3,137,971**

Board of Selectmen Recommendation: **Ought to Pass**
Finance Committee Recommendation: **Ought to Pass**

Article 4 - To see what sum the Town will vote to spend for the **Capital Projects Fund** under the following accounts and to see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the same:

	2015-16 Approved Appropriation	2016-17 Board of Selectmen Recommendation		2016-17 Finance Committee Recommendation	
		Raise	Spend	Raise	Spend
Administration					
Computers/Photo Copier	$ 14,000	$ 14,000	$ 14,000	$ 14,000	$ 14,000
Phone System	$ 35,000	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0
Capital Maintenance	$ 20,000	$ 10,000	$ 10,000	$ 10,000	$ 10,000
Assessing					
Hydro Dam Appraisal	$ 1,500	$ 1,500	$ 1,500	$ 1,500	$ 1,500
Revaluation	$ 10,000	$ 15,000	$ 15,000	$ 15,000	$ 15,000
Fire Protection/Rescue					
EMS Car 2	$ 16,250	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0
Public Safety Building Door System	$ 0	$ 16,000	$ 16,000	$ 16,000	$ 16,000
Library					
Interior Renovations	$ 5,000	$ 25,000	$ 25,000	$ 25,000	$ 25,000
Planning & Codes					
Printer/Scanner	$ 0	$ 10,000	$ 10,000	$ 10,000	$ 10,000
Police					
Cruiser	$ 60,000	$ 60,000	$ 60,000	$ 60,000	$ 60,000
Radar	$ 20,000	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0
Portable Radios	$ 8,000	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0
Speed Sign	$ 0	$ 6,100	$ 6,100	$ 6,100	$ 6,100
K-9	$ 0	$ 10,000	$ 10,000	$ 10,000	$ 10,000

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	2015-16 Approved Appropriation	2016-17 Board of Selectmen Recommendation		2016-17 Finance Committee Recommendation	
		Raise	Spend	Raise	Spend
Public Works					
Dump Body	$ 30,000	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0
Road Construction	$400,000	$450,000	$450,000	$450,000	$450,000
Loader	$170,000	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0
Bridge Street	$ 38,000	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0
Back Hoe	$ 0	$125,000	$125,000	$125,000	$125,000
Recreation					
Truck	$ 8,000	$ 10,000	$ 26,000	$ 10,000	$ 26,000
Mower	$ 0	$ 4,000	$ 4,000	$ 4,000	$ 4,000
Targeted Cap Reserve					
EMS Car 2	$ 13,750	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0
Totals	**$849,500**	**$756,600**	**$772,600**	**$756,600**	**$772,600**

2016-17 Board of Selectmen Recommendation	Allocation	2016-17 Finance Committee Recommendation
$123,973	Taxation	$123,973
$ 4,240	By-Pass TIF	$ 4,240
$ 14,290	Village Candle TIF	$ 14,290
$ 14,290	Bowdoin Mill TIF	$ 14,290
$ 11,850	By-Pass North TIF	$ 11,850
$ 35,150	Interchange TIF	$ 35,150
$ 2,800	Frost Street TIF	$ 2,800
$ 23,060	Downtown TIF	$ 23,060
$ 10,330	Affordable Housing TIF	$ 10,330
$ 16,000	Capital Reserves	$ 16,000
$100,000	URIP	$100,000
$416,617	Excise	$416,617
$772,600	**Total**	**$772,600**

Board of Selectmen Recommendation: **Ought to Pass**
Finance Committee Recommendation: **Ought to Pass**

Article 5 - To see if the Town will vote to (1) approve the purchases of the following pieces of equipment: three Plow Truck Units, one Ambulance and one Fire Department Engine (the "Project"); (2) appropriate a sum not to exceed $1,335,000 for the costs of the Project; and (3) to fund this appropriation (a) authorize the Treasurer and the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen to borrow money through a lease purchase arrangement or to issue, at one time or from time to time, general obligation securities of the Town of Topsham, Maine, including temporary notes in anticipation of the sale thereof and refunding obligations, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed $1,335,000 and to delegate to the Treasurer and Chairman of the Board of Selectmen the authority and discretion to fix the date(s), maturity(ies), denomination(s), interest rate(s), places(s) of payment, call(s) for redemption, current or advance refunding(s) of the securities, form(s), and other details of said securities, including execution and delivery of said securities against payment therefore, execution of certificates, loan agreements and any other documents reasonably related thereto, and to provide for the sale thereof.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT
Total Town Indebtedness:

A. Bonds outstanding and unpaid: $ 9,314,218
(this projection anticipates Town's payment to be made in April 2016 prior to Town vote)
B. Bonds authorized and unissued: $ 0
C. Bonds to be issued if this Article is approved: $ 1,335,000
Total $10,649,218

Costs:
At an estimated interest rate of 2.4% for an estimated 10-year maturity, the estimated costs of this bond issue will be:

Principal: $ 1,335,000
Interest: $ 168,583
Total Debt Service: $ 1,503,583

Validity: The validity of the bonds and the voters' ratification of the bonds may not be affected by any errors in the above estimates. If the actual amount of the total debt service for the bond issue varies from the estimate, the ratification by the electors is nevertheless conclusive and the validity of the bond issue is not affected by reason of the variance.
S/ Richard J. Roedner, Treasurer, Town of Topsham

Board of Selectmen Recommendation: **Ought to Pass**
Finance Committee Recommendation: **Ought to Pass**

Article 6 - To see what sum the Town will vote to spend for **Public Safety** under the following accounts and to see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the same:

	2015-16 Approved Appropriation	2016-17 Board of Selectmen Recommendation	2016-17 Finance Committee Recommendation
Public Safety			
Police Protection	$1,555,962	$ 1,583,479	$1,583,479
Fire Protection/Rescue	$ 776,340	$ 796,580	$ 796,580
Totals	**$2,332,302**	**$ 2,380,059**	**$2,380,059**

2016-17 Board of Selectmen Recommendation	Allocation	2016-17 Finance Committee Recommendation
$ 386,995	General Revenues	$ 386,995
$ 200,000	Surplus	$ 200,000
$1,793,064	Taxation	$1,793,064
$2,380,059	**Total**	**$2,380,059**

Board of Selectmen Recommendation: **Ought to Pass**
Finance Committee Recommendation: **Ought to Pass**

Article 7 - To see what sum the Town will vote to spend for **Public Works, Solid Waste and Recycling Program** under the following accounts and to see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the same: (The Public Works Department is authorized to spend funds from this article in support of Capital Projects.)

	2015-16 Approved Appropriation	2016-17 Board of Selectmen Recommendation	2016-17 Finance Committee Recommendation
Public Works	$1,179,823	$1,183,383	$1,183,383
Solid Waste/Recycling	$ 345,289	$ 392,361	$ 392,361
Totals	**$1,525,112**	**$1,575,744**	**$1,575,744**

2016-17 Board of Selectmen Recommendation	Allocation	2016-17 Finance Committee Recommendation
$ 195,000	General Revenues	$ 195,000
$1,183,383	Excise	$1,183,383
$ 197,361	Taxation	$ 197,361
$1,575,744	**Total**	**$1,575,744**

Board of Selectmen Recommendation: **Ought to Pass**
Finance Committee Recommendation: **Ought to Pass**

Article 8 - To see what sum of money the Town will vote to spend for the **Topsham Community Fund**, which will be held in reserve for future projects, including unanticipated Topsham Bike Path expenses and local match or development expenses for the acquisition and development the Town's Head of Tide Park and to see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the same:

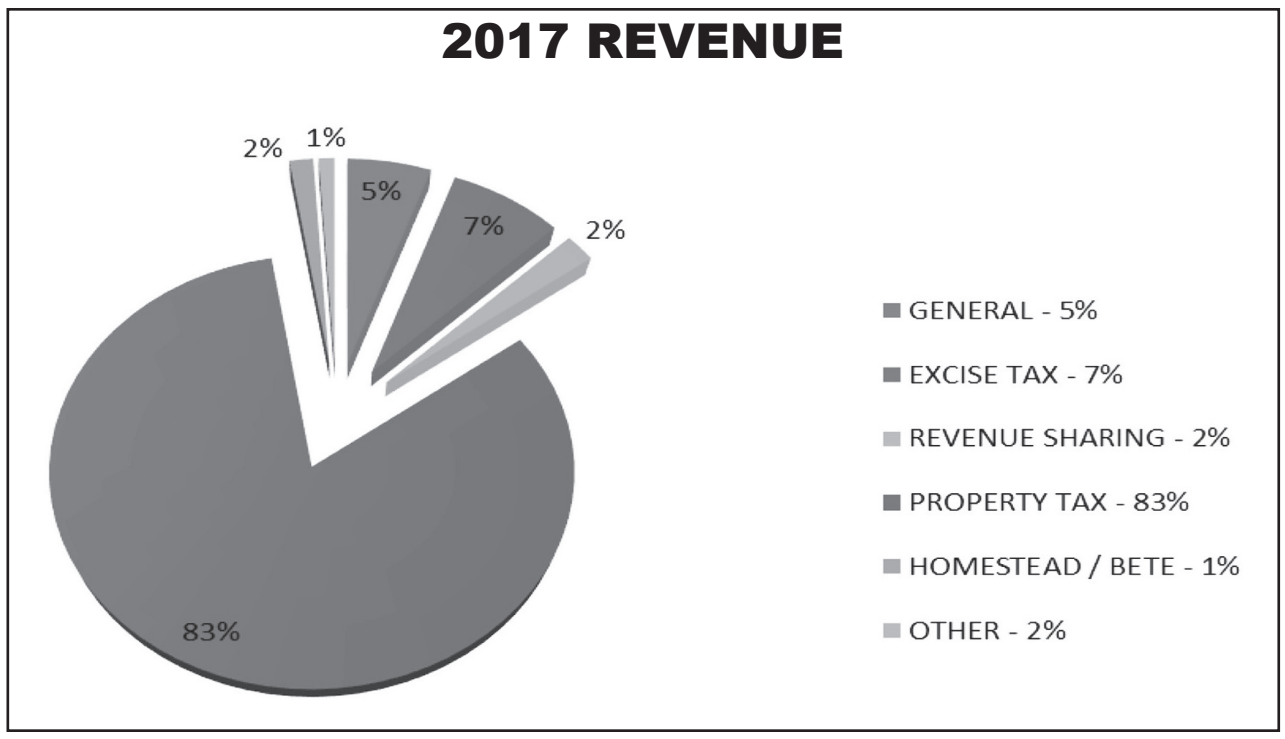
	2015-16 Approved Appropriation	2016-17 Board of Selectmen Recommendation	2016-17 Finance Committee Recommendation
Community Fund	$ 10,000	$ 10,000	$ 10,000
Totals	**$ 10,000**	**$ 10,000**	**$ 10,000**

2016-17 Board of Selectmen Recommendation	Allocation	2016-17 Finance Committee Recommendation
$ 10,000	Taxation	**$ 10,000**

Board of Selectmen Recommendation: **Ought to Pass**
Finance Committee Recommendation: **Ought to Pass**

Article 9 - To see what sum the Town will vote to increase the maximum property tax levy limit established by State Law (L.D. 1) in the event that the municipal budget approved at this Town Meeting results in a tax commitment in excess of the maximum property tax levy otherwise applicable such that the increased maximum property tax levy hereby established will equal the amount committed: (By State Law, the vote on this article must be by written ballot.)

Board of Selectmen Recommendation: **No recommendation**
Finance Committee Recommendation: **No recommendation**


2017 REVENUE
2%
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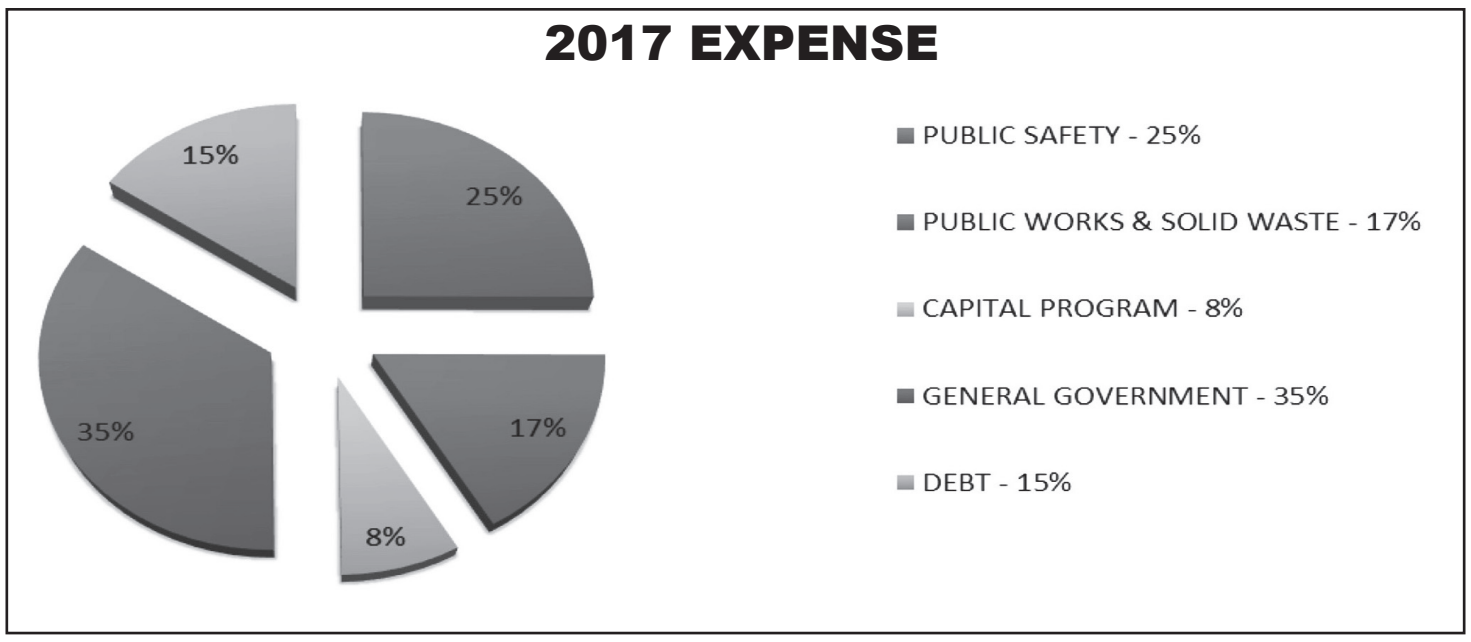
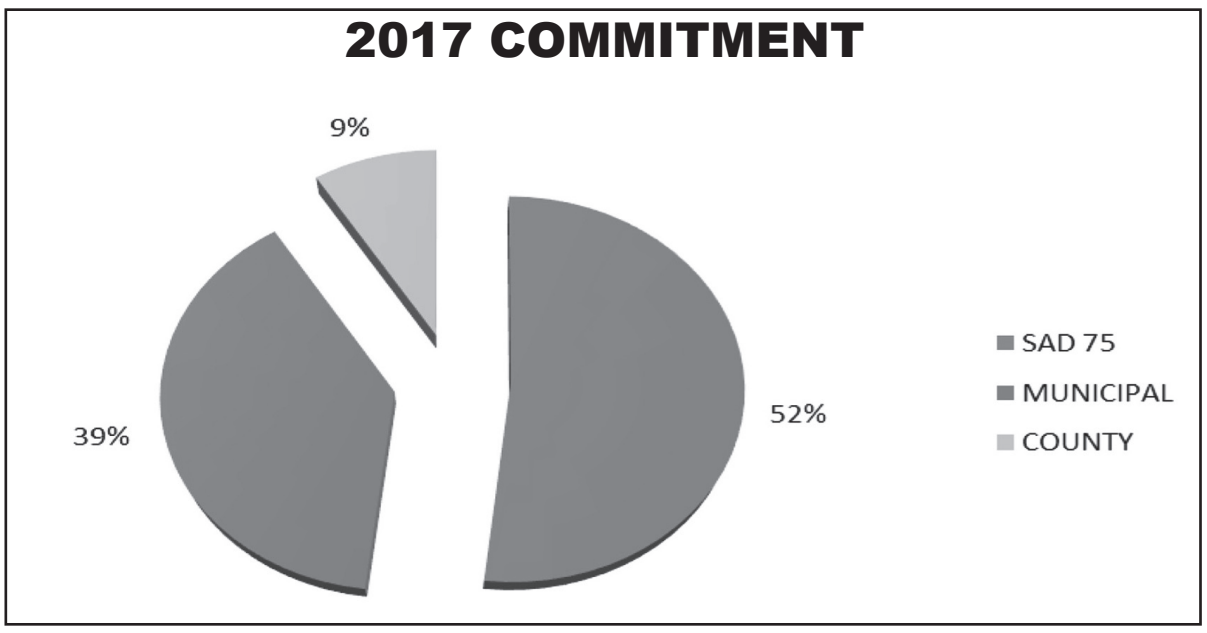
5%
7%
2%
83%
GENERAL - 5%
EXCISE TAX - 7%
REVENUE SHARING - 2%
PROPERTY TAX - 83%
HOMESTEAD / BETE - 1%
OTHER - 2%


2017 EXPENSE
15%
25%
35%
17%
8%
PUBLIC SAFETY - 25%
PUBLIC WORKS & SOLID WASTE - 17%
CAPITAL PROGRAM - 8%
GENERAL GOVERNMENT - 35%
DEBT - 15%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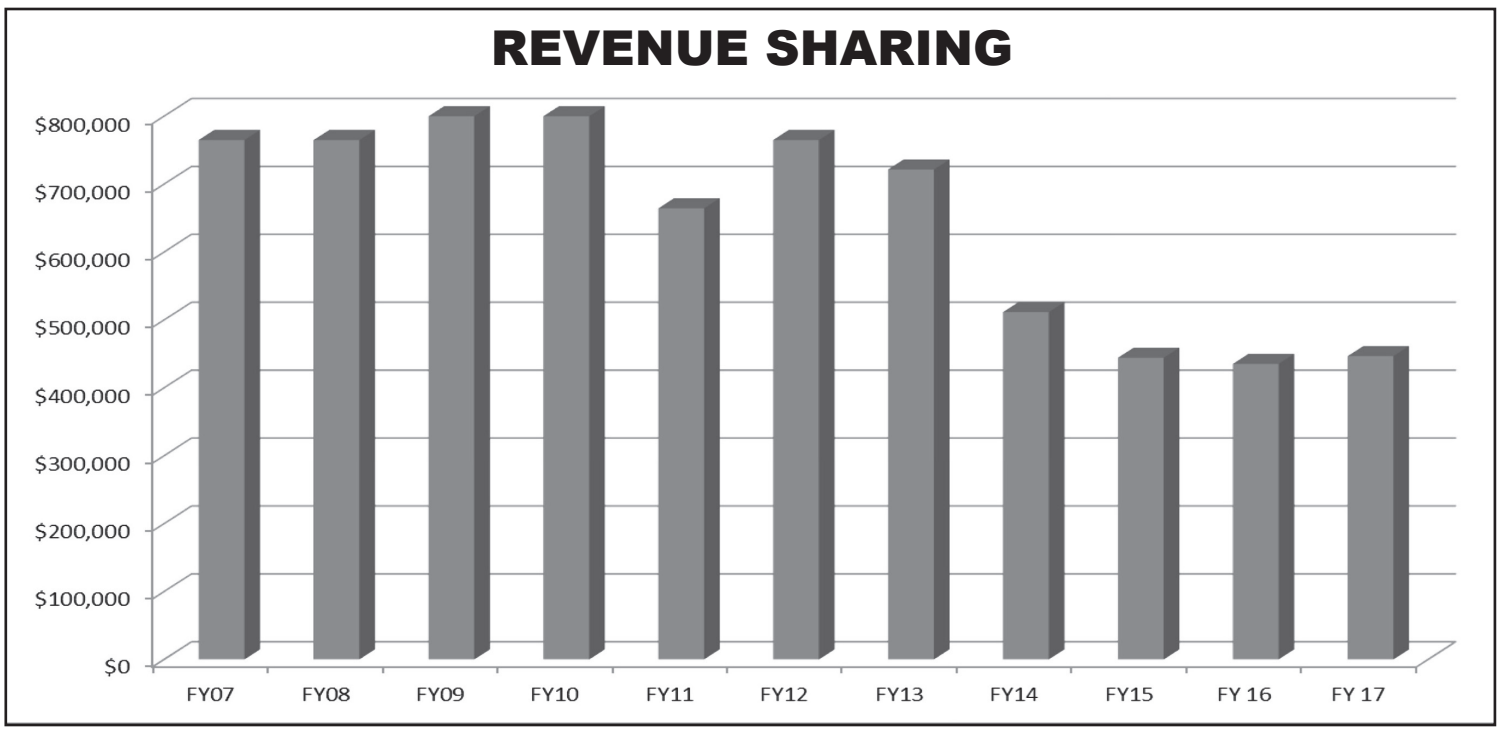
52%
SAD 75
MUNICIPAL
COUNTY


REVENUE SHARING
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$700,000
$600,000
$500,000
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$300,000
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FY08
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FY11
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FY13
FY14
FY15
FY 16
FY 17

Article 10 - To see if the Voters will adopt an ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to amend the Town Code, Chapter 225-6, Definitions to clarify single family dwelling unit and nonconforming structure."

225-6
DWELLING
Any building or structure or portion thereof designed or used for residential purposes.

A. SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLING: ~~Any structure~~ A building containing only one dwelling unit for occupation by not more than one family.
B. TWO-FAMILY DWELLING: A building containing only two dwelling units for occupation by not more than two families.
C. MULTIFAMILY DWELLING: A building containing three or more dwelling units, such building being designed exclusively for residential use and occupancy by three or more families living independently of one another, with the number of families not exceeding the number of dwelling units.

NONCONFORMING STRUCTURE
A structure that does not meet ~~all~~ any one or more of the following dimensional requirements: setbacks, height and lot coverage. It is allowed solely because it was in lawful existence at the time this chapter or subsequent amendments took effect.

Planning Board Recommendation: **Ought to Pass**

Article 11 - To see if the Voters will adopt an ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to amend the Town Code, Chapter 225-14, nonconforming uses, structures, and lots of record by clarifying standards for the conformance of nonconforming structures."

§ 225-14 **Nonconforming uses, structures and lots of record.**
A. General.
(1) Continuance, enlargement and reconstruction. Any nonconforming use or structure may be continued but may not be extended, reconstructed, enlarged or structurally altered except as specified ~~below~~ by this chapter or as required by Federal, State or local codes, rules or laws.

C. Nonconforming structures. (This subsection pertains to dimensional requirements. Applications regarding nonconforming use shall be reviewed under the provisions above.)

(1) Enlargements controlled.

(a) An existing structure that does not meet ~~the required setbacks~~ one or more of the dimensional requirements of the zone, may be expanded vertically and horizontally as long as ~~no portion of~~ the expansion ~~is any closer to the property line than~~ does not increase the nonconformity of the existing structure or create a new nonconformity. ~~In no case shall enlargement result in a separation of less than 15 feet to adjacent structures.~~ **[Amended 1-23-2008 STM, Art. 2]**

Planning Board Recommendation: **Ought to Pass**

Article 12 - To see if the Voters will adopt an ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to amend the Town Code, Chapter 225-16, Use Regulations (Table of land Uses) by creating Mixed Use Building as a use in the table of land uses, add Schools as a permitted use in the R4 zoning district, and add a footnote to single family dwelling use in the village center zone, and amend Chapter 225-17 Dimensional Requirements by adding a footnote to the maximum setback requirement that limits the setback to residential uses."

SUMMARY; 225-16

1) Add mixed use building to use table; add footnote 26 to regulate the use
2) Add footnote 22 to dwelling, single family in VC zone
3) Add Schools as a permitted use in the R4 Zone

225-16 - Table of Uses
Mixed Use Building - Permitted (P) in all zones with footnote 26, add footnote 22 to LI, VC, & LV
Dwelling, Single Family – Not Permitted (X) in VC zone with added footnote 22
Schools – Permitted (P) in the R4 zone
FOOTNOTES:
26 - Uses within a mixed use building are permitted when permitted in the underlying zoning district or conditional when conditional in the underlying zoning district.

SUMMARY; 225-17
1) Add footnote 27 to the required 25 foot maximum setback, where the maximum will only apply to residential uses.

Requirement	**R4**
Maximum front setback	25[27]

FOOTNOTES:
27. Twenty five foot maximum setback shall only apply to residential uses within the R4 zoning district

Planning Board Recommendation: **Ought to Pass**

Article 13

To see if the Voters will adopt an ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to amend the Town Code, Chapter 225-17, Dimensional requirements by creating performance standards for consistent setbacks for sheds."

225-17
E. Detached storage buildings accessory to residential uses. The minimum side and rear setback requirement shall be ~~five~~ 5 feet ~~in the R-1 Urban Residential Zone and 10 feet in the R-2 Suburban Residential and R-3 Rural Residential Zones~~ and cannot be further reduced except by variance. The maximum height for such buildings shall be 12 feet. The maximum floor area for such buildings shall be 150 square feet

Planning Board Recommendation: **Ought to Pass**

Article 14 - To see if the Voters will adopt an ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to amend the Town Code, Chapter 225-6, Definitions; 225-11 Establishment of Zones; add section 225-20.2, Vernal Pool Overlay District; add section 225-41.1 Vernal Pools; amend chapter 175, Site Plan; amend chapter 191, Subdivision to adopt a vernal pool overlay zoning district that offers landowners the option to offer mitigation for the disturbance of vernal pool habitat as laid out in State and Federal adopted Special Area Management Plan." **(Exhibit 14)**

Planning Board Recommendation: **Ought to Pass**

Article 15 - To see if the Voters will adopt an ordinance entitled "An ordinance to amend the Town Code, Cost of Application Review, Chapter 109, to create a fee schedule for planning office permit applications." **(Exhibit 15)**

Planning Board Recommendation: **Ought to Pass**

Article 16 - To see if the Town will fix the date of May 17, 2017 for the Special Town Meeting.

Board of Selectmen Recommendation: **Ought to Pass**

Article 17 - To see if the Town will fix the dates when taxes are due and payable, Monday, October 17, 2016 and Tuesday, March 15, 2017 and to see if the Town will fix a rate of interest to be charged on taxes after said date at 7% or the maximum amount determined by the State Treasurer.

Board of Selectmen Recommendation: **Ought to Pass**

Article 18 - To see if the Town will establish a **maximum interest rate** to be paid on abated taxes:

7% or the maximum rate established by the State Treasurer

For delinquent taxes the interest rate to be paid by the Town reduced by 2%

Board of Selectmen Recommendation: **Ought to Pass**

Article 19 - To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to dispose of **Town-Owned personal property** with value of $5,000 or less under such terms they deem advisable.

Board of Selectmen Recommendation: **Ought to Pass**

Article 20 - To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to **accept gifts** on behalf of the Town under such terms they deem advisable.

Board of Selectmen Recommendation: **Ought to Pass**

Article 21 - To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to convey by deeds of quit-claim title or other titles as appropriate any real estate acquired by the Town to such persons for such considerations as the Selectmen may in each case determine.

Board of Selectmen Recommendation: **Ought to Pass**

Article 22 - To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to apply for grants, approve the acceptance of grants, receive grants, appropriate the Town's share of the grant from funds raised at a Town Meeting and expend the grant for the purpose stated in the grant.

Board of Selectmen Recommendation: **Ought to Pass**

GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS THIS 14th DAY OF April, 2016 BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

David Douglass, Chair

Roland Tufts, Vice-Chair

Marie Brillant

William Thompson

Ruth Lyons

The Registrar of Voters office located at the Municipal Building is open Monday - Friday during regular business hours; for the purpose of accepting new registrations and to make address, name and /or enrollment changes. In addition, the Deputy Registrar will be present at the Special Town Meeting from 6pm -7pm on May 18, 2016.

A true copy of the warrant.

Attest: _____
Clerk of: Topsham

Town of Topsham
100 Main Street
Topsham, ME 04086

Mark your calendar

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

May 18th, 2016 at 7:00 PM
In the Commons
Mt. Ararat High School

(Mt. Ararat High School Commons
has been reserved
for Thursday, May 19th
only if needed)

Please bring this Town Warrant to the Special Town Meeting

Town of Topsham
Regular Meeting Schedule
www.topshammaine.com

Selectmen	1st & 3rd Thursday	7:00 PM
Planning Board	1st & 3rd Tuesday	7:00 PM
Board of Appeals	1st & 3rd Monday	7:00 PM
Conservation Comm	2nd Tuesday	6:00 PM
Historic District Comm	2nd Wednesday	6:00 PM
Topsham Development, Inc	3rd Wednesday	8:00 AM
Lower Village Dev. Comm	2nd Thursday	Noon

M.S.A.D No. 75 BUDGET HEARING
Mt. Ararat HIGH School
Thursday, May 12th, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

M.S.A.D No. 75 DISTRICT BUDGET MEETING
Orion Performing Arts Center
Mt. Ararat Middle School
Thursday, May 26th, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

M.S.A.D No. 75 BUDGET REFERENDUM VOTE
June 14th, 2016
Topsham Fairgrounds
Exhibition Hall

Warrant Item Exhibits

You may find Warrant Item Exhibits, noted in specific articles on the warrant, at our website at **www.topshammaine.com** under Town Meeting or by visiting the Town Manager's Office at Town Hall.

For additional information about Topsham Municipal Government call (207) 725-5821 or visit the website at:
www.topshammaine.com

M.S.A.D. No. 75 Budget Process

Voting on the M.S.A.D. No. 75 budget is a two step process.

District Budget Meeting

The District must first hold a District Budget meeting, where voters will vote on the warrant articles. Each article will be presented to those present for a show of hands vote or a secret ballot vote. The meeting will end when all articles pass. All articles are subject to amendment.

The District Budget Meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 26th, 2016 at the Orion Performing Arts Center at Mt. Ararat Middle School in Topsham.

Budget Validation Referendum

Within 30 calendar days, the District must hold a Referendum on the decision made at the District Budget Meeting. The Referendum will have two warrant articles and will ask if the voters wish to continue with the budget validation referendum for three more years and will ask the voters to vote on the final budget amount as approved at the District Budget Meeting. The article will not state the specific amount of the final budget, because time does not permit the printing and distribution of absentee ballots. However, the amount will be posted in the polling area and in the polling booth. The Budget Validation Referendum will be held on Tuesday, June 14th, 2016 at the voting sites in the towns. Topsham's vote will be held in the Exhibition Hall at the Topsham Fairgrounds.