



Town of Hartland

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THE TOWN OF HARTLAND IS CURRENTLY FACED WITH GOVERNOR MALLOY'S PROPOSED BUDGET, WHICH SHIFTS PART OF THE STATE'S OBLIGATIONS ONTO THE HARTLAND TAXPAYERS.

THE GOVERNOR FEELS, BECAUSE OF OUR MUNICIPAL RESERVE AND SURPLUS BALANCES, WE ARE NO LONGER IN NEED OF THE STATE'S HELP. BECAUSE OF THIS, THE GOVERNOR HAS REDUCED OUR BOARD OF EDUCATION ECS GRANT FROM \$1,327,652.00 TO \$474,842.00. IN ADDITION, THE GOVERNOR HAS PASSED THE BURDEN OF FUNDING TEACHER'S PENSIONS TO THE TOWNS IN CONNECTICUT. THE COST TO HARTLAND IS APPROXIMATELY \$192,298.00 THIS YEAR. THESE CUTS IN STATE AID AND THE REQUEST TO PAY A PORTION OF THE TEACHER'S PENSION WILL REDUCE STATE GRANTS BY \$753,460.00, RESULTING IN, APPROXIMATELY, A FOUR (4) MIL INCREASE. THE TOWN WILL TAKE MONIES FROM MUNICIPAL RESERVE/SURPLUS TO REDUCE THE TAX BURDEN TO TOWN RESIDENTS, IN HOPES OF PRESENTING A 1 ½ TO 2 MIL INCREASE FOR THIS YEARS BUDGET, IN A "WORST CASE SENERIO". AS WE DO NOT HAVE ANY SOLID NUMBERS FROM THE STATE CURRENTLY, THE MIL RATE WOULD NOT BE SET UNTIL AFTER THE BUDGET REFERENDUM, SCHEDULED FOR MAY 24, 2017 AT NOON. AT THAT TIME, WE WILL LOOK TOWARDS FUNDS PROJECTED TO BE RETURNED BY THE BOS AND THE BOE, AS WELL AS ANY CHANGES IN STATE NUMBERS. WE ARE IN HOPES THE LEGISLATURE WILL NOT SUPPORT THE GOVERNORS REQUEST FOR PAYMENT OF THE TEACHER'S PENSIONS.

THE SELECTMEN AND MAYORS THROUGHOUT THE STATE AND MOST ESPECIALLY IN OUR NORTHWEST CORNER, STRONGLY DISAGREE WITH MANY ASPECTS OF THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET AND CONTINUE TO ATTEND LEGISLATIVE MEETINGS AND SPEAK TO OUR LEGISLATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES, IN HOPES OF CHANGING THESE AND OTHER DEVASTATING CHANGES GOVERNOR MALLOY HAS IN MIND.

HARTLAND'S PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2017 – 2018 REFLECTS A DECREASE OF \$4,849.00 FOR THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUDGET AND AN INCREASE OF \$40,065.00 FOR THE BOARD OF EDUCATION. PLEASE BE ASSURED THE BOARD OF FINANCE, THE TOWN TREASURER, THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND THE BOARD OF EDUCATION CONTINUE TO DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO PREVENT A LARGE TAX INCREASE IN THE UPCOMING YEAR. WE FEEL IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU GET THE FACTS AND UNDERSTAND WHAT THE PROPOSED STATE CUTS WILL MEAN TO THE TOWN OF HARTLAND. PLEASE CALL YOUR LEGISLATORS AND LET THEM KNOW THE GOVERNOR'S PROPOSED BUDGET IS UNACCEPTABLE. PLEASE PLAN ON ATTENDING THE BOARD OF FINANCE BUDGET HEARING ON MONDAY, MAY 1, 2017 AT 8PM IN THE HARTLAND SCHOOL.

THE HARTLAND BOARD OF SELECTMEN
APRIL 10, 2017



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