

Office of the Town Treasurer

22 South Road

East Hartland, CT 06027

The Board of Finance has approved the proposed 2022-23 Board of Selectmen budget of \$2,125,195 and the Board of Education budget of \$5,668,206 for a total Government budget of \$7,793,401 for the 2022-23 fiscal year.

This budget will be presented by the Board of Finance at the annual budget hearing set for 8 pm, Monday, May 2, 2022 at the Hartland School Gym.

Due to partial use of funding from the State and Local Recovery Funds during the 2021-22 fiscal year, it is projected that the mil rate would remain at the current rate of 27.0 for the 2022-23 fiscal year.

The Town of Hartland has received the first distribution of the State and Local Recovery Funds (aka American Rescue Plan), \$313,707.61, with the remainder to be received late June 2023 for a total award of \$627,415.24.

These funds must be allocated no later than December 31, 2024, and expended no later than December 31, 2026. There are specific guidelines for use as well as reporting of these funds. The Board of Selectmen has appointed a 6 member board to oversee the use of these funds.

The HARP Board members include: Marianne Winslow 1st Selectman, Scott Levan 2nd Selectman, Greg Sottile 3rd Selectman, Karen T Eseppi Treasurer, Norman Gundersen, and Roger Viknes.

Karen T Eseppi, Town Treasurer and member of the HARP Board is responsible for administering and reporting to the US Treasury Department on the use of the funds.

The HARP Board has elected to utilize these funds under the Revenue Replacement Category as outlined in the FINAL RULE published by the US Treasury Department.

The Revenue Replacement Category allows for the use of these funds in the provision of Governmental Services which can include, but are not limited to:

1. Maintenance or pay-go funded building of infrastructure/roads.
2. Modernization of Cybersecurity
3. Health Services
4. Environmental Remediation
5. School/Educational Services
6. Provision of Police, Fire and other public safety services.

The HARP Board has projected use of the funds in the following areas:

1. Provision of needed equipment for the East and West Fire Departments, including Turnout gear, Air Packs, and Compressor for Air Tank refilling.
2. Highway/Road maintenance
3. Food Bank Structure
4. Renovations to the Nellie B West Shelter
5. Partial Down payment on a new Pumper Firetruck
(Both EHVFD and WHVFD Pumper trucks will need to be replaced over the next couple of years, The Town has been funding Municipal Reserve in anticipation of these needs)

The HARP Board will adjust the projected use of the funds depending on the estimated/actual costs.

The Hartland Board of Education has also received funds which are classified as the ESSER Funds. These funds are to be utilized in providing support services to the School population. These funds are administered by the Board of Education working with the Superintendent of Schools, Mrs. Imma Cannelli. Note that these funds are separate from the State and Local Recovery funds received by the Town of Hartland.

Respectfully yours,

Karen T Eseppi,

Treasurer, Town of Hartland