



# Brookfield Board of Finance **2013–14 Budget Proposal**

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Public Hearing

Tuesday, April 9, 2013    7:00 PM    BHS



# Today's Agenda

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- Budget Timeline
- Items of Note
- Objectives  
Municipal Budget / Education Budget / Capital Budget
- The Board of Finance (BOF) Proposal
- Impact of the Proposal
- Recap
- Public Comment



# Budget Timeline

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- Town Departments — January 16
- Board of Education Budget — January 31
- First Selectman Budget — February 15
- Board of Selectmen Budget — March 1
- Board of Finance held 7 Special Meetings on the Budget in March
- Initial Board of Finance Budget — March 27
- Public Hearing — Today
- **Board of Finance sets budget for vote — April 16**
- **Annual Town Meeting — May 7 (*by Charter*)**
- **Town Referendum — May 21(*tentative*)**



# Items of Note

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- Tax collection rate remains high.
- Both Municipal and Education spending remain within 2012-13 budget, with Municipal surpluses adding to the Town's fund balance for the 4<sup>th</sup> year in a row.
- Health insurance costs for 2013-14 are budgeted to increase by 9% (due to high utilization).
- The Grand List increased by 0.37%.
- Tragic events in Newtown prompted reevaluation of school security.



# Municipal Budget Objectives\*

LY Approved Budget	BOS Budget Proposal	BOF Budget Proposal
\$18,508,105	\$19,512,098	\$19,719,550

- Maintain services.
- Support investment in roads with additional maintenance personnel.
- Expand technology & automation efforts.
- Continue strengthening capital support.
- Add funding for security including SROs.

\* Total Municipal Budget less Capital



# Education Budget Objectives

LY Approved Budget	BOS Budget Proposal	BOF Budget Proposal
\$37,036,000	\$38,415,000	\$38,415,000

- Maintain class size guideline goals.
  - Expand world language program.
  - Fully fund annual pension obligations.
  - Expand student opportunities while maintaining academic excellence.
  - Implement coordinated security, mental health and prevention protocols.
- *The BOE plans to make decisions on reapportioning their budget prior to the Town Meeting.*



# Capital Budget Objectives

LY Approved Budget	BOS Budget Proposal	BOF Budget Proposal
\$1,224,895	\$1,374,450	\$1,285,450

- Maintain current Town facilities and infrastructure.
- Comprehensive upgrade to Police technology.
- Continue to build capacity to fund road maintenance, emergency vehicle replacement, other capital needs on an ongoing basis.
- Complete 3-phase school security capital upgrade.



# 2013–2014 BOF Proposal

<b>BUDGET AREAS</b>	<b>AMOUNT*</b>	<b>CHANGE</b>
Municipal Operations	\$15,462	+ 7.9%
Debt Service	\$4,258	+ 2.1%
Capital Projects	\$1,285	+ 4.9%
<b>Total Municipal Budget</b>	<b>\$21,005</b>	<b>+ 6.4%</b>
Education Budget	\$38,415	+ 3.7%
<b>Total Town Budget</b>	<b>\$59,420</b>	<b>+ 4.7%</b>

\* In thousands



# School Safety

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- Consensus on adding a total of 2 SROs — one in BHS and one in WMS (\$230,000).
  - Budget includes funds for Phase 3 of the school facilities security upgrade (\$74,000).
- *Plans are for Phase 2 to be implemented this Spring. Phase 1 has already been implemented.*



# Budget Drivers —

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## Municipal Operations

- Pension contribution
- Health insurance
- Salt & sand
- 2 new full time municipal positions
- School security personnel  
(Police) — 2 SROs



# 2013–2014 BOF Proposal

	Municipal	% Δ	Education	% Δ	Total Town	%Δ	Mill Rate*	% Δ*
<b>Budget 2013</b>	<b>19,733</b>		<b>37,036</b>		<b>56,769</b>		<b>24.54</b>	
<b>Total Base Change</b>	<b>440</b>	<b>2.2%</b>	<b>826</b>	<b>2.2%</b>	<b>1,266</b>	<b>2.2%</b>	<b>25.03</b>	<b>2.0%</b>
Pension	253	1.3%	100	0.3%	353	0.6%	25.19	2.6%
Insurance	145	0.7%	453	1.2%	598	1.1%	25.47	3.8%
Sand & Salt	98	0.5%			98	0.2%	25.51	4.0%
New Positions	106	0.5%			106	0.2%	25.56	4.2%
SROs	230	1.2%			230	0.4%	25.67	4.6%
<b>Total Increase</b>	<b>1,272</b>	<b>6.4%</b>	<b>1,379</b>	<b>3.7%</b>	<b>2,651</b>	<b>4.7%</b>	<b>25.67</b>	<b>4.6%</b>
<b>Budget 2014</b>	<b>21,005</b>		<b>38,415</b>		<b>59,420</b>	<b>4.7%</b>	<b>25.67</b>	<b>4.6%</b>

\* Shows cumulative effect of budget drivers on Mill Rate in proposed budget.

Using current BOF revenue projections. Figures shown in thousands.



# Fund Balance

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- BOS and BOF have agreed to maintain Town's fund balance at no less than 7.5% of annual spending.
- Last year, the budget included using \$300,000 from fund balance to lessen tax increase, allowing the 2012-13 fiscal year to start with a 9.0% fund balance.
- Based on the current proposed budget, the town would start the 2013-14 fiscal year with a fund balance of 7.9%.



# 2013–2014 BOF Proposal

<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>CHANGE</b>
Municipal Budget	\$19,733	\$21,005	+ 6.4%
Education Budget	\$37,036	\$38,415	+ 3.7%
<b>Total Town Budget</b>	<b>\$56,769</b>	<b>\$59,420</b>	<b>+ 4.7%</b>
<b>REVENUES</b>			
Fees, Interest, Charges, etc.	\$4,289	\$4,476	+ 4.3%
General Property Taxes	\$52,480	\$54,944	+ 4.7%
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$56,769</b>	<b>\$59,420</b>	<b>+ 4.7%</b>
<b>Mill Rate</b>	<b>24.54</b>	<b>25.67*</b>	<b>+ 4.6%</b>

*Using current BOF revenue projections. Figures shown in thousands.*



# 2013–14 Budget Recap

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- Increases Municipal spending by 6.4% and Education spending by 3.7% — with overall spending increase of 4.7%.
- Maintains services at current levels.
- Continues commitment to maintain facilities and fund pension obligations.
- Adds school security support.



# Important Dates

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## ➤ Budget Finalization

Tuesday, April 16

BOF to set budget to go to referendum

## ➤ Annual Town Meeting

Tuesday, May 7 7:30 PM

Brookfield High School Auditorium

## ➤ Budget Referendum

Tuesday, May 21\* 6:00 AM to 8:00 PM

Huckleberry Hill Elementary School (District 1)

Brookfield High School (District 2)

*\* Date to be determined at Annual Town Meeting*



# Public Comment

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- Thank you for coming.
- We look forward to hearing your comments, questions, suggestions, and concerns.

**The Brookfield Board of Finance**