



# **TOWN OF EASTON**

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

### **BUDGET PROPOSAL FY 2012/2013**

**MARCH 19, 2012**

**SAMUEL STAPLES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

**7:00 PM**

## **MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF FINANCE**

<b>Fred Knopf</b>	<b>Chairman</b>
<b>C. Lee Hanson</b>	<b>Clerk</b>
<b>Elise Broach</b>	<b>Member</b>
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<b>Paul Lindoerfer</b>	<b>Alternate Member</b>
<b>Elise Nappi</b>	<b>Alternate Member</b>

## **BUDGET CALENDAR**

<b>Jan 3 -February 6</b>	<b>Budgets prepared by Boards and Commissions</b>
<b>February 24</b>	<b>Comptroller returns all Departments' budget requests to the Board of Finance</b>
<b>February 28, 29, March 1, 6, 7, 8</b>	<b>BOF analyzes and investigates estimates and holds budget discussions with Department Heads, Boards and Commissions</b>
<b>March 19</b>	<b>Public Hearing on Budget requests</b>
<b>March 20, 21, 22, 27, 28,29</b>	<b>Revise budget requests and prepare final recommendations for preparation of budget document</b>
<b>April 16</b>	<b>Budget to newspaper for publication April 26</b>
<b>April 30</b>	<b>Annual Town Meeting-Budget Adoption</b>
<b>May 8</b>	<b>Tentative Referendum on Budget</b>

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**SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURE REQUESTS**

	<u>Original Adopted</u> <u>Budget 2011/2012</u>	<u>Proposed</u> <u>Budget 2012/2013</u>	<u>%</u> <u>Total</u>	<u>Proposed</u> <u>\$ Amount Change Prior Year</u>	<u>% Change</u> <u>Original</u>
<b><u>TOWN ACCOUNTS</u></b>					
Selectman Accounts	\$ 9,963,004	10,147,542	24.57%	\$ 184,538	1.85%
Debt Service	3,621,438	3,240,382	7.85%	\$ (381,056)	-10.52%
Pension Costs	1,004,604	988,912	2.39%	\$ (15,692)	-1.56%
Liability/WC Insurance Costs	647,818	678,100	1.64%	\$ 30,282	4.67%
<b>Total Town Accounts</b>	<b>\$ 15,236,865</b>	<b>\$ 15,054,936</b>	<b>36.45%</b>	<b>\$ (181,927)</b>	<b>-1.19%</b>
<b><u>EDUCATION</u></b>					
Easton Board of Education	\$ 14,962,405	15,397,331	37.28%	\$ 434,926	2.91%
Region 9 Board of Education-a)	10,448,550	10,224,541	24.75%	\$ (224,009)	-2.14%
<b>Total Education</b>	<b>\$ 25,410,955</b>	<b>\$ 25,621,872</b>	<b>62.03%</b>	<b>\$ 210,917</b>	<b>0.83%</b>
<b><u>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES REQUEST</u></b>					
Town Capital Expenditures	\$ 466,117	534,700	1.29%	\$ 68,583	14.71%
Easton Board of Education Capital		92,500	0.22%		
<b>Total Capital</b>	<b>\$ 466,117</b>	<b>\$ 627,200</b>	<b>1.52%</b>	<b>\$ 68,583</b>	<b>34.56%</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES REQUESTS</b>	<b>\$ 41,113,936</b>	<b>\$ 41,304,008</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>\$ 97,573</b>	<b>0.46%</b>
<b><u>a) Region 9 Board of Education</u></b>					
Easton's Share	\$ 10,448,550	10,224,541	45.93%	\$ (224,009)	-2.14%
Redding's Share	11,251,450	12,036,598	54.07%	\$ 785,148	6.98%
<b>Total Region 9 BOE</b>	<b>\$ 21,700,000</b>	<b>\$ 22,261,139</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>\$ 561,139</b>	<b>2.59%</b>

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**SELECTMAN'S ACCOUNTS**

	Adopted Budget FY 2011/2012	Proposed Budget FY 2012/2013	Proposed \$ Amount Change Prior Year	% Change Prior Year	Adopted Budget Benefit Allocation FY 2011/2012	Proposed Budget Benefit Allocation FY 2012/2013	Proposed \$ Amount Change Prior Year	% Change Prior Year
<b><u>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</u></b>								
TOWN CLERK	\$ 153,301	\$ 164,944	\$ 11,643	7.6%	\$ 193,717	\$ 204,961	\$ 11,244	5.80%
FIRST SELECTMAN	155,780	157,753	1,973	1.3%	252,175	253,890	1,715	0.68%
PROBATE COURT	4,625	4,625	0	0.0%				
ELECTIONS	63,437	63,941	504	0.8%	67,112	67,648	536	0.80%
BOARD OF FINANCE	6,500	6,300	(200)	-3.1%				
AUDIT FEES	37,300	38,385	1,085	2.9%				
TREASURER	177,981	182,704	4,723	2.7%	288,200	293,364	5,164	1.79%
ASSESSOR	104,423	108,116	3,693	3.5%	167,875	169,520	1,645	0.98%
BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS	800	800	0	0.0%				
TAX COLLECTOR	93,885	93,444	(441)	-0.5%	123,650	122,995	(655)	-0.53%
TOWN ATTORNEY	90,000	120,000	30,000	33.3%				
PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION	109,131	110,871	1,740	1.6%	162,499	166,641	4,142	2.55%
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS	7,412	7,426	14	0.2%	8,724	8,742	18	0.21%
BUILDING DEPARTMENT	93,491	95,216	1,725	1.8%	171,113	170,488	(625)	-0.37%
TECHNOLOGY	25,854	25,854	0	0.0%				
TOWN HALL	136,061	134,061	(2,000)	-1.5%	144,252	142,183	(2,069)	-1.43%
COMMISSION FOR ELDERLY	52,371	53,983	1,612	3.1%	75,951	76,251	300	0.39%
SENIOR CENTER	156,304	162,548	6,244	4.0%	271,524	266,285	(5,239)	-1.93%
660 MOREHOUSE - OLD SSS BUILDING	376,323	377,532	1,209	0.3%	447,438	467,467	20,029	4.48%
PUBLIC CELEBRATIONS	450	450	0	0.0%				
<b>TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>	<b>\$ 1,845,429</b>	<b>\$ 1,908,953</b>	<b>\$ 63,524</b>	<b>3.4%</b>	<b>\$ 2,374,230</b>	<b>\$ 2,410,435</b>	<b>\$ 36,205</b>	<b>1.52%</b>

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

COMM. DISPATCHERS	\$ 228,746	\$ 229,638	\$ 892	0.4%	\$ 291,794	\$ 306,242	\$ 14,448	4.95%
POLICE DEPARTMENT	1,369,561	1,456,475	86,914	6.3%	2,187,697	2,243,238	55,541	2.54%
FIRE DEPARTMENT	724,282	745,011	20,729	2.9%	1,234,706	1,258,963	24,257	1.96%
FIRE MARSHALL	28,200	28,441	241	0.9%	31,026	31,285	259	0.83%
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	8,712	10,719	2,007	23.0%	9,764	11,730	1,966	20.14%
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY</b>	<b>\$ 2,359,501</b>	<b>\$ 2,470,284</b>	<b>\$ 110,783</b>	<b>4.7%</b>	<b>\$ 3,754,987</b>	<b>\$ 3,851,458</b>	<b>\$ 96,471</b>	<b>2.57%</b>

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**SELECTMEN'S ACCOUNTS CONTINUED**

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<b><u>PUBLIC WORKS</u></b>								
RECYCLING FUND	\$ 128,567	\$ 131,500	\$ 2,933	2.3%				
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT	1,650,984	1,675,357	24,373	1.5%	2,584,179	2,728,728	144,549	5.59%
STREET LIGHTS	1,432	1,332	(100)	-7.0%				
ENGINEERING & PROF SERVICES	39,330	39,330	0	0.0%				
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS</b>	<b>\$ 1,820,313</b>	<b>\$ 1,847,519</b>	<b>\$ 27,206</b>	<b>1.5%</b>	<b>\$ 2,584,179</b>	<b>\$ 2,728,728</b>	<b>\$ 144,549</b>	<b>5.59%</b>
<b><u>HEALTH &amp; SANITATION</u></b>								
HEALTH DEPARTMENT	\$ 65,017	\$ 72,352	\$ 7,335	11.3%	\$ 81,244	\$ 89,015	\$ 7,771	9.57%
EMS COMMISSION	263,199	268,854	5,655	2.1%	352,446	387,495	35,049	9.94%
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC HEALTH</b>	<b>\$ 328,216</b>	<b>\$ 341,206</b>	<b>\$ 12,990</b>	<b>4.0%</b>	<b>\$ 433,690</b>	<b>\$ 476,510</b>	<b>\$ 42,820</b>	<b>9.87%</b>
<b><u>OTHER DEPARTMENTS</u></b>								
CONSERVATION COMMISSION	\$ 36,270	\$ 37,022	\$ 752	2.1%	\$ 51,636	\$ 53,068	\$ 1,432	2.77%
PUBLIC WELFARE	4,120	4,144	24	0.6%	4,582	4,612	30	0.65%
LIBRARY	559,789	566,932	7,143	1.3%	759,832	776,973	17,141	2.26%
PARKS AND REC COMMISSION	359,373	352,821	(6,552)	-1.8%	538,518	548,684	10,166	1.89%
TREE WARDEN	5,700	6,450	750	13.2%				
FIREHOUSE RENT	41,000	41,000	0	0.0%				
CEMETERY	2,432	2,432	0	0.0%				
ANIMAL CONTROL	67,717	73,995	6,278	9.3%	119,435	124,870	5,435	4.55%
<b>TOTAL OTHER DEPARTMENTS</b>	<b>\$ 1,076,401</b>	<b>\$ 1,084,796</b>	<b>\$ 8,395</b>	<b>0.8%</b>				
<b><u>GENERAL</u></b>								
FRINGE BENEFITS	\$ 1,987,174	\$ 1,948,814	\$ (38,360)	-1.9%				
SOCIAL SECURITY & MEDICARE	420,970	420,970	0	0.0%				
CONTINGENCY	125,000	125,000	0	0.0%				
<b>TOTAL GENERAL</b>	<b>\$ 2,533,144</b>	<b>\$ 2,494,784</b>	<b>\$ (38,360)</b>	<b>-1.5%</b>				
<b>TOTAL SELECTMEN'S ACCOUNTS</b>	<b>\$ 9,963,005</b>	<b>\$ 10,147,542</b>	<b>\$ 184,537</b>	<b>1.9%</b>				
FIRST SELECTMEN'S CAPITAL	466,117	534,700	68,583	14.7%				
DEBT SERVICE	3,621,438	3,240,382	(381,056)	-10.5%				
PENSION COSTS	1,004,604	988,912	(15,692)	-1.6%				
INSURANCE COSTS	647,818	678,100	30,282	4.7%				
<b>TOTAL TOWN ACCOUNTS</b>	<b>\$ 15,702,982</b>	<b>\$ 15,589,636</b>	<b>\$ (113,345)</b>	<b>-0.7%</b>				

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Estimated Tax Calculation

**RECEIPTS AND ESTIMATED TAX CALCULATION**

	Adopted Budget FY2011/2012	Proposed Budget FY2012/2013	% Change Prior Year
<b><u>RECEIPTS</u></b>			
PROPERTY TAXES			
CURRENT YEAR	\$ 37,911,636	\$ 38,269,050	0.94%
PRIOR YEAR	125,000	100,000	-20.00%
INTEREST AND FEES	100,000	100,000	0.00%
MOTOR VEHICLES	200,000	200,000	0.00%
TELEPHONE ACCESS	48,000	33,852	-29.48%
ELDERLY TAX RELIEF	(345,000)	(386,642)	12.07%
STATE CIRCUIT BREAKER	(37,294)	(45,068)	20.85%
SUB-TOTAL	<u>\$ 38,002,342</u>	<u>\$ 38,271,192</u>	0.71%
SELECTMAN'S RECEIPTS	\$ 1,015,536	\$ 994,792	-2.04%
TREASURER INTEREST	315,000	250,000	-20.63%
STATE GRANTS	1,478,058	1,485,024	0.47%
NON REVENUE RECEIPTS	303,000	303,000	0.00%
SUB-TOTAL	<u>\$ 3,111,594</u>	<u>\$ 3,032,816</u>	-2.53%
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 41,113,936	\$ 41,304,008	0.46%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 41,113,936	\$ 41,304,008	0.46%
Tax Revenue Required	\$ 37,911,636	\$ 38,269,050	0.94%
Collection Rate	98.785%	98.785%	0.00%
Gross Revenue Required	38,377,928	38,739,738	0.94%
Grand List	1,671,603,481	1,318,952,257	-21.10%
<b>Tax Rate</b>	<b>22.9</b>	<b>29.4</b>	<b>28.38%</b>

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<b><u>RECEIPTS</u></b>			
PROPERTY TAXES			
CURRENT YEAR	\$ 37,911,636	\$ 38,572,050	1.74%
PRIOR YEAR	125,000	100,000	-20.00%
INTEREST AND FEES	100,000	100,000	0.00%
MOTOR VEHICLES	200,000	200,000	0.00%
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SUB-TOTAL	<u>\$ 38,002,342</u>	<u>\$ 38,574,192</u>	1.50%
SELECTMAN'S RECEIPTS	\$ 1,015,536	\$ 994,792	-2.04%
TREASURER INTEREST	315,000	250,000	-20.63%
STATE GRANTS	1,478,058	1,485,024	0.47%
NON REVENUE RECEIPTS	303,000	0	-100.00%
SUB-TOTAL	<u>\$ 3,111,594</u>	<u>\$ 2,729,816</u>	-12.27%
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 41,113,936	\$ 41,304,008	0.46%
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<u>General Fund Capital Expenditures Requests Public Hearing</u>		
<u>Department</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Planning & Zoning	GIS Mapping	\$ 2,500
Police Dept.	(2) Two Police Vehicles	\$ 40,000
Fire Dept.	Engine Replacement	\$ 70,000
	Personal protective equipment	12,000
	Pager, portable & truck radio	5,000
	Dry hydrants	4,000
	Hose & nozzles	3,500
	SCBA- Bottles, regulators & masks	<u>2,500</u>
	Total	97,000
660 Morehouse-old SSS	East Parking Lot Expansion	\$ 18,700
EMS Commission	Portable radios and pagers w/chargers	\$ 30,000
Public Works	Truck Replacement Program	\$ 50,000
TOTALS	Total Capital Expenditures Request	<u>\$ 238,200</u>
	Public Works Dept- Road Work	<u>\$ 296,500</u>
	Grand Total	<u><u>\$ 534,700</u></u>

# Town of Easton Five Year Capital Plan 2012/2013

(Thousand Dollars)

	<u>13/14</u>	<u>14/15</u>	<u>15/16</u>	<u>16/17</u>	<u>17/18</u>		<u>13/14</u>	<u>14/15</u>	<u>15/16</u>	<u>16/17</u>	<u>17/18</u>
<b><u>Town Clerk</u></b>						<b><u>Communication</u></b>					
Computer Upgrades	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	Building Security Cameras	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Lg Bed Printer Replacement	0.0	0.0	0.0	25.0	0.0	Computer Monitors	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
Add Public System	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	Relocate Equipment	0.0	0.0	1.8	0.0	0.0
<b>Total Town Clerk</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>28.0</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>Total Communication</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>0.9</b>
<b><u>Building Department</u></b>						<b><u>Treasurer</u></b>					
Vehicle Replacement	30.0	0	0	0	0	Muni Req, PO sys. & upgrades	5.0	10.0	5.0	0.0	10.0
<b><u>Fire Department</u></b>						<b><u>Police</u></b>					
Engine Replacement	70.0	70.0	70.0	70.0	70.0						
Gear Replacenebt	11.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	0.0	Vehicle Light bars	0.0	8.4	0.0	4.0	0.0
Pagers. Radios	5.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	0.0	In-car video systems (2)	9.0	4.5	0.0	0.0	0.0
Dry hydrant	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	0.0	2 Ford Incterceptor patrol cars (AWD)	50.0	50.0	55.0	55.0	55.0
Hose & nozzles	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	0.0						
SCBA-Bottles,regulator,masks	2.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	0.0						
Air Compressor	0.0	8.0	8.0	0.0	0.0						
<b>Total Fire</b>	<b>95.5</b>	<b>108.5</b>	<b>108.5</b>	<b>100.5</b>	<b>70.0</b>	<b>Total Police</b>	<b>59.0</b>	<b>62.9</b>	<b>55.0</b>	<b>59.0</b>	<b>55.0</b>
<b><u>P&amp;Z Department</u></b>						<b><u>Animal Control</u></b>					
GIS System	2.5	2.5	2.5	0.0	0.0	ACO vehicle (van type)	25.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Town Plan of Cons.&Dev.	4.0	4.0	5.0	3.0	0.0						
<b>Total P&amp;Z</b>	<b>6.5</b>	<b>6.5</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>Total Animal Control</b>	<b>25.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

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<b>Highway Department</b>						<b>Library</b>					
Dump/Plow Truck	215.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	New Computers (staff)	1.2	2.4	0.0	1.1	2
Street Sweeper	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	230.0	New Computers (public)	2.4	1.2	1.2	2.2	1.0
Front End Loader 2 1/2Yd	0.0	0.0	160.0	0.0	0.0	Barcode/receipt&laser printers	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
Med.DutyDump Truck w/Plow	0.0	165.0	0.0	170.0	0.0	3 ipads (staff) 5 kindles 5 Nooks (public	2.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
3 yd. Dump Truck w/Plow	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	80.0	Roof replacement/furnace	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Chipper	0.0	0.0	50.0	0.0	0.0	painting/rewallpapering 20th anniv.	0.0	0.0	15.0	0.0	0.0
Paver	0.0	0.0	0.0	90.0	0.0						
<b>Total Highway Dept</b>	<b>215.0</b>	<b>165.0</b>	<b>210.0</b>	<b>260.0</b>	<b>310.0</b>	<b>Total Library</b>	<b>11.4</b>	<b>9.0</b>	<b>21.6</b>	<b>8.7</b>	<b>8.4</b>
<b>Road Reconst./Bridge</b>	<b>296.5</b>	<b>305.0</b>	<b>310.0</b>	<b>315.0</b>	<b>320.0</b>						
<b>EMS</b>						<b>Parks &amp; Recreation</b>					
Ambulance Replacement	40.0	40.0	40.0	30.0	30.0	Tennis Court Repairs	15.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Portable radios and pagers	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	Morehouse Rd. Restroom	10.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
AED Replacement	17.5	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	Field Renovations/repairs	0.0	25.0	0.0	25.0	0.0
						Toro Grounds Master	9.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
						Fence Repair various Parks	0.0	0.0	20.0	20.0	0.0
						Infield Groomer	0.0	14.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Total EMS</b>	<b>61.5</b>	<b>51.0</b>	<b>51.0</b>	<b>41.0</b>	<b>41.0</b>	<b>Total Parks &amp; Recreation</b>	<b>34.0</b>	<b>39.0</b>	<b>20.0</b>	<b>45.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
						<b>Sub-Total Capital Projects</b>	<b>546.8</b>	<b>455.8</b>	<b>484.3</b>	<b>546.1</b>	<b>498.3</b>
						<b>Sub-Total Roads/Paving</b>	<b>296.5</b>	<b>305.0</b>	<b>310.0</b>	<b>315.0</b>	<b>320.0</b>
						<b>Sub-Total Animal Control</b>	<b>25.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
						<b>Grand Totals</b>	<b>868.3</b>	<b>760.8</b>	<b>794.3</b>	<b>861.1</b>	<b>818.3</b>