

GRAFTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' PUBLIC HEARING ON FY17 BUDGET  
3855 Dartmouth College Hwy  
North Haverhill, NH 03774  
May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016

PRESENT: Commissioners Cryans, Richards and Lauer, CA Libby and Admin Assistant S. Norcross.

OTHERS PRESENT: See attached sign in sheet.

Commissioner Cryans called the public hearing to order at 6:00pm and began with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Director Gilding.

Commissioner Cryans then had the department heads introduce themselves.

Commissioner Cryans addressed an article from a newspaper and a phone call he received regarding the 7.97% increase in the amount to be raised by taxes. He explained that the county portion of the overall tax bill is small. He used Haverhill as an example and stated that Haverhill's tax rate is roughly \$30.00 per \$1,000, of that \$1.56 per \$1,000 goes to the county. He stated if you have a \$5,000 tax bill the county portion is \$250 and that is going up by 7.97% or roughly \$20.00. He stated that it is different for every town in Grafton County but used Haverhill as the example.

Commissioner Cryans reviewed the bonded debt that the county currently has. There are four (4) bonds; the nursing home; the water tank; and two (2) bonds on the jail. The water tank has three (3) payments left. The nursing home has seven (7.)

Commissioner Cryans then presented the attached PowerPoint.

CA Libby stated that for the past three (3) years they have received a return of surplus from Health Trust. Last October when they received their guaranteed maximum rate they were informed that in order for Health Trust to fund their capital adequacy fund they will not be doing any return of surpluses next year. There was \$253,000 in the budget for revenue that was received in FY16; they will have none in FY17.

Steve Whitney stated that he thinks that everyone did a very good job putting the budget together.

Rep. Ford stated that she sits on the finance committee and people need to look at what is going on in the state. She explained that HSA Bishop cannot set her budget until the state sets theirs. She stated that this time of the year they are meeting in the middle of June and they do not know what the budget is going to be. She stated that revenues are high this year and if they can maintain that trajectory Grafton County should be better off. She went on to state that she is very happy to be living in Grafton County.

Rep. Abel commended everyone on putting together a responsible budget.

7:05 PM With no further business the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Linda D. Lauer, Clerk



# FY17 Proposed Budget Public Hearing

## May 16th 2016

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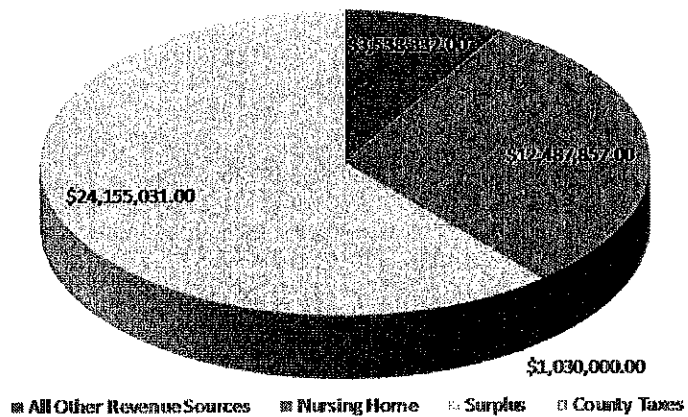
## FISCAL YEAR 2017 PROPOSED BUDGET

### Revenue Comparison FY 16 v FY 17

DEPARTMENT	2016	FY 2017	INCREASE/(DEC)	%	FY 2017	Increase/(Dec)	%
	BUDGET	Department Recommend	FY 16 v FY 17	Change	Comm'r	FY 16 v FY 17	Change
Total Revenue Abandon Property	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -	0.00%	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -	0.00%
Total Revenue Federal/State	\$ 90,000.00	\$ 90,000.00	\$ -	0.00%	\$ 90,000.00	\$ -	0.00%
Total Revenue County Attorney	\$ 32,500.00	\$ 110,000.00	\$ 77,500.00	238.46%	\$ 110,000.00	\$ 77,500.00	238.46%
Total Revenue Register of Deeds	\$ 925,000.00	\$ 952,000.00	\$ 27,000.00	2.92%	\$ 952,000.00	\$ 27,000.00	2.92%
Total Revenue Sheriff's Dept	\$ 1,038,500.00	\$ 1,068,400.00	\$ 19,900.00	1.92%	\$ 1,068,400.00	\$ 19,900.00	1.92%
Total Alternative Sentencing	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	50.00%	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	50.00%
Total Revenue Dept of Corr	\$ 223,245.00	\$ 220,531.00	\$ (2,714.00)	-1.22%	\$ 220,531.00	\$ (2,714.00)	-1.22%
Total Revenue Farm	\$ 534,761.00	\$ 522,761.00	\$ (12,000.00)	-2.24%	\$ 522,761.00	\$ (12,000.00)	-2.24%
Total Revenue Extension Svc	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	0.00%	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	0.00%
Total Revenue Interest	\$ 25,300.00	\$ 25,300.00	\$ -	0.00%	\$ 25,300.00	\$ -	0.00%
Total Revenue Rent	\$ 312,334.00	\$ 318,840.00	\$ 6,506.00	2.08%	\$ 318,840.00	\$ 6,506.00	2.08%
Total Revenue Human Svc	\$ 110,000.00	\$ 75,000.00	\$ (35,000.00)	-31.82%	\$ 75,000.00	\$ (35,000.00)	-31.82%
Total Revenue Div/Refunds/Misc	\$ 338,280.00	\$ 133,000.00	\$ (203,280.00)	-60.45%	\$ 133,000.00	\$ (203,280.00)	-60.45%
Total Revenue Nursing Home	\$ 11,319,940.00	\$ 12,357,097.00	\$ 1,037,157.00	9.16%	\$ 12,487,857.00	\$ 1,167,917.00	10.32%
SubTotal	\$ 14,977,860.00	\$ 15,895,429.00	\$ 917,569.00	6.13%	\$ 16,026,189.00	\$ 1,048,329.00	7.00%
Surplus Used to Reduce Taxes	\$ 3,000,000.00	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ (2,000,000.00)	-66.67%	\$ 1,030,000.00	\$ (1,970,000.00)	-65.67%
County Taxes	\$ 22,372,127.00	\$ 24,775,754.00	\$ 2,403,627.00	10.74%	\$ 24,155,031.00	\$ 1,782,904.00	7.97%
****TOTAL ALL REVENUE****	\$ 40,349,987.00	\$ 41,671,183.00	\$ 1,321,196.00	3.27%	\$ 41,211,220.00	\$ 861,233.00	2.13%

What Sources does the County get Revenue from?

### Revenue Sources



### Revenue Highlights:

County Attorney's Office ~ Increase of \$77,500

- VOCA (Victim's of Crime Act) grant increased to \$50,000 - \$0 was budgeted in FY 16
- Circuit Court Prosecution increased to \$30,000 - \$2,500 budgeted in FY 16.
- Both of these increases in revenue are offset by increases in spending.

Human Service - Recoveries ~ Decrease of \$35,000

- Recoveries are monies received by the State for estate payments on behalf of a Medicaid recipients. When the State receives those monies a portion is returned to the county that paid an expense associated with that individual.

Dividends/Refunds/Misc. ~ Decrease of \$203,280

- HealthTrust - No Return of Surplus - FY 16 budgeted \$253,280. Due to HealthTrust needing to build up their Capital Adequacy Reserve level.

### ***Revenue Highlights: Continued***

#### **Nursing Home Revenue ~ Increased \$1,037,157**

- Bed Tax Revenue - Increased \$600,000. In previous years, Bed Tax revenue/expense was "netted" out in the revenue account. In fiscal year 2017 the revenue received will be budgeted separately from the expense incurred. Therefore, showing an increase; however we will receive the same amount of revenue for bed tax.
- Private Pay Residents - We are budgeting an increase in our Private Pay revenue due to increased numbers of private pay residents over the past several years. We feel that this is a sustainable number.
- Medicare A Revenue - We are budgeting an increase in the number of Medicare A residents that we will have during fiscal year 2017, again this is based on what we have been doing in fiscal year 2016.
- The newest source of revenue for the nursing home is veterans. The County has recently entered into an agreement with the Veterans' Administration and has begun to receive referrals from the VA for placement of veterans within the nursing home. We are excited for this new partnership.

### ***Revenue Highlights: Continued***

#### **Surplus Used to Reduce Taxes: Decreased \$1,970,000**

- Used \$3,000,000 for past five (5) years
- County's overall Fund Balance decreased as a result of:
  - Using Fund Balance to pay for the Nursing Home Renovation Project in FY 2015 & 2016 - total cost \$850K.
  - County expenses exceeded revenues during fiscal year 2014 and 2015. Reducing the County's overall fund balance from \$6.9M at the end of FY 13 to \$4.6M at the end of FY 15.
  - Expenses will again exceed revenues in fiscal year 2016 again reducing the overall fund balance available to use to various purposes.

**Revenue Highlights: Continued**

- Operating Revenue Increased by 7.00% - \$1,048,329
- Surplus Decreased by 65.67% - \$1,970,000
- Amount to be Raised by Taxes increased by 7.97% - \$1,782,904

**Expense Comparison - Non Nursing Home**

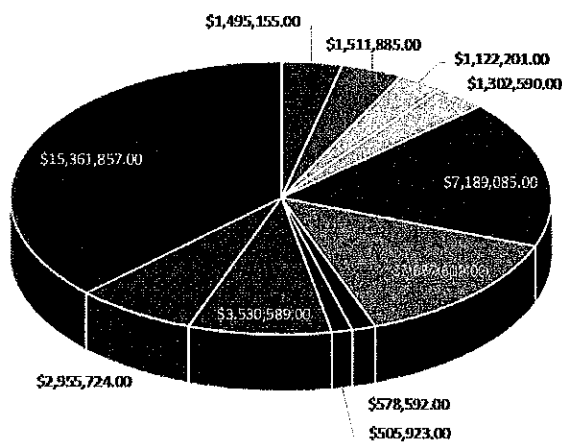
FUND 01	DEPARTMENT	FY 2016 BUDGET	FY 2017 Comm'r	Increase/(Dec) FY 16 v FY 17	% Change
4100	Commissioners Office	\$ 359,532.00	\$ 353,882.00	(5,650.00)	-1.57%
4109	Treasurer	\$ 12,214.00	\$ 12,213.00	(1.00)	-0.01%
4110	County Attorney's Ofc	\$ 1,034,292.00	\$ 1,123,662.00	89,370.00	8.64%
4111	VAWA Grant	\$ 104,565.00	\$ 109,400.00	4,835.00	4.62%
4112	Victim/Witness	\$ 233,255.00	\$ 262,093.00	28,838.00	12.36%
4116	Alternative Sentencing	\$ 687,638.00	\$ 686,116.00	(1,522.00)	-0.22%
4120	Register of Deeds	\$ 504,437.00	\$ 483,760.00	(40,677.00)	-8.06%
4130	Human Resource Dept	\$ 88,254.00	\$ 87,559.00	(695.00)	-0.79%
4133	Information Technology	\$ 323,950.00	\$ 368,935.00	44,985.00	13.89%
4140	Sheriff's Dept	\$ 1,485,299.00	\$ 1,511,885.00	26,586.00	1.79%
4145	Dispatch	\$ 1,118,704.00	\$ 1,122,201.00	3,497.00	0.31%
4150	Medical Referee	\$ 42,500.00	\$ 42,500.00	-	0.00%
4165	Maintenance	\$ 2,115,959.00	\$ 2,097,784.00	(18,175.00)	-0.86%
4190	Human Service	\$ 7,294,276.00	\$ 7,189,085.00	(105,191.00)	-1.44%
4191	GCEDC	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	-	0.00%
6100	Dept of Corrections	\$ 4,975,376.00	\$ 5,007,905.00	32,529.00	0.65%
6115	Community Corrections	\$ 468,796.00	\$ 478,253.00	9,457.00	2.02%
6125	Governor's Commission	\$ 96,995.00	\$ 98,784.00	1,789.00	1.84%
6130	Nightwatchmen	\$ 61,040.00	\$ 61,157.00	117.00	0.19%
6135	RSAT	\$ -	\$ 11,520.00	11,520.00	
7100	County Farm	\$ 576,672.00	\$ 578,592.00	1,920.00	0.33%
8360	Extension Service	\$ 292,991.00	\$ 304,129.00	11,138.00	3.80%
8600	Social Service	\$ 517,423.00	\$ 505,923.00	(11,500.00)	-2.22%
8650	Conservation Dist	\$ 73,416.00	\$ 73,923.00	507.00	0.69%
8655	North Country	\$ 1,452.00	\$ 1,457.00	5.00	0.34%
8670	Wage & Benefit Adj	\$ 171,253.00	\$ 170,723.00	(530.00)	-0.31%
9100	Tax Anticipation	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 7,500.00	2,500.00	50.00%
9120	Bonded Debt	\$ 2,825,008.00	\$ 2,839,210.00	14,202.00	0.50%
9200	Capital Outlay	\$ 331,772.00	\$ 276,527.00	(55,245.00)	-16.65%
9210	Contingency	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 26,900.00	1,900.00	6.00%
9270	Unallocated Insurance	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	-	0.00%
9370	Delegation Exp	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	-	0.00%
<b>TOTAL FUND 01</b>		<b>\$25,907,069.00</b>	<b>\$25,953,178.00</b>	<b>46,109.00</b>	<b>0.18%</b>
4165	Maintenance (Allocated)	\$ (799,876.00)	\$ (795,194.00)	4,682.00	
		<b>\$25,107,193.00</b>	<b>\$25,157,984.00</b>	<b>50,791.00</b>	<b>0.20%</b>



Expense Comparison - Nursing Home

	DEPARTMENT	FY 2016 BUDGET	FY 2017 Comm'r	Increase/(Dec) FY 16 v FY 17	% Change
<b>FUND 02 - NURSING HOME</b>					
5100	N. Home Admin	\$ 1,512,027.00	\$ 2,140,468.00	628,441.00	41.56%
5130	Dietary	\$ 1,770,726.00	\$ 1,762,337.00	(8,389.00)	-0.47%
5140	Nursing Svc	\$ 7,541,987.00	\$ 7,860,621.00	318,634.00	4.22%
5141	Physical Therapy	\$ 307,432.00	\$ 305,338.00	(2,094.00)	-0.68%
5142	Health Information Mgmt	\$ 267,816.00	\$ 257,392.00	(10,424.00)	-3.89%
5145	Therapeutic Recreation	\$ 492,306.00	\$ 516,604.00	24,298.00	4.94%
5150	Plant Operation	\$ 799,876.00	\$ 795,194.00	(4,682.00)	-0.59%
5160	Laundry	\$ 334,540.00	\$ 334,412.00	(128.00)	-0.04%
5170	Housekeeping	\$ 563,154.00	\$ 547,518.00	(15,636.00)	-2.78%
5180	Pharmacy & Oxygen	\$ 49,600.00	\$ 65,000.00	15,400.00	31.05%
5185	Contracted Svc	\$ 562,430.00	\$ 528,952.00	(33,478.00)	-5.95%
5190	Social Service	\$ 224,651.00	\$ 236,418.00	11,767.00	5.24%
5192	Capital Outlay	\$ 103,800.00	\$ 11,603.00	(92,197.00)	-88.82%
5195	Bonded Debt	\$ 712,449.00	\$ 691,379.00	(21,070.00)	-2.96%
<b>TOTAL FUND 02 - NURSING HOME</b>		<b>\$15,242,794.00</b>	<b>\$16,053,236.00</b>	<b>810,442.00</b>	<b>5.32%</b>
<b>GRAND TOTALS ALL</b>		<b>\$ 40,349,987.00</b>	<b>\$ 41,211,220.00</b>	<b>861,233.00</b>	<b>2.13%</b>

Expense Breakdown



- County Attorney's Ofc
- Sheriff's Dept
- Dispatch
- Maintenance
- Human Service
- Department of Corrections
- County Farm
- Social Service
- Bonded Debt
- All Other
- Nursing Home

*Expense Highlights:*

Expenses increased 2.13% - \$861,233

- 1.4% Cost-of-living adjustment for all employees
- Decrease in health insurance by switching health insurance carriers
- No new county funded positions

County Attorney's Office - Increased \$123,043

- Grant funded 20 hour per week position in the Victim/Witness Dept.
- Circuit Court prosecutor contracted to the town of Haverhill

Register of Deeds - Decreased \$40,677

- Did not replace a staff member who resigned in fiscal year 2016

Human Services - Decreased \$105,191

- This budget is comprised of funds that are statutorily required to be paid to the State of NH for long term care and home and community based care for the elderly who are eligible in the county. This expense is established by the legislature who sets a cap and each county pays a percentage of that cap based on their population served. This expense is equivalent to 17% of the total county budget.

*Expense Highlights: Continued*

Nursing Home - Overall increase \$810,442 ~ 5.32%

- Nursing Home Administration budget includes \$600,000 in expense for the Bed Tax expense that must be paid each quarter. As explained earlier, previous to this budget this expense was "netted" out of the revenue line item. Therefore, although this shows a \$600,000 increase in expenses - this is not a new expense and is not truly an increase to the overall county expenditures.
- Nursing Department budget has increased due to standard step increases, the COLA and associated benefits. This department employs at least ¼ of all county employees. Adjustments in salary and benefits impact this department the greatest.
- All other departments within the nursing home have extremely small increases and in many instances decreases in their budgets.

All other county departments have minimal increases and in many cases decreases over fiscal year 2016's budget.

#### Important Notes:

- If you were to remove the bed tax expense and budget it as it was in the past the increase in expenses for fiscal year 2017 would have been \$257,384 or a .64% increase. This is very close to a level funded budget.
- The entire increase in the amount to be raised by taxes is associated with the reduction in the county's overall fund balance and the availability of funds to offset the amount to be raised by taxes. In fact if the surplus remained the same there would have been a decrease in the amount to be raised by taxes.
- Because the amount to be raised by taxes is increasing 7.97% that does not mean that taxpayers will see that amount of an increase. It does not mean that every community will see that as an increase.
- Tax rates are set by the NH Department of Revenue Administration based on individual communities Equalized Valuation.
- As soon as that data is available from DRA - projections can be done for individual communities.

## Questions?

Thank you all for attending tonight's presentation.

