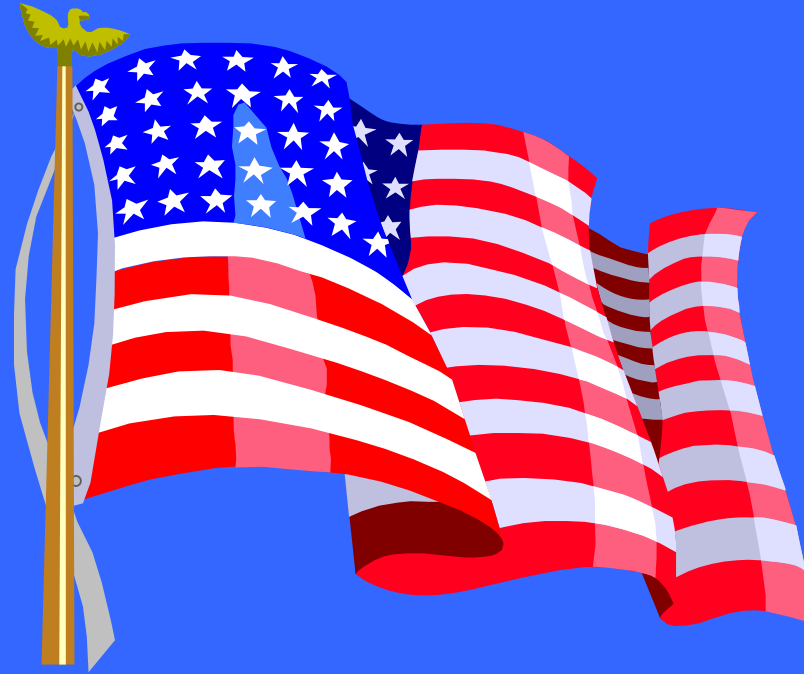


# ANNUAL TOWN MEETING



MAY 5, 2009

Joel Mandell, Town Moderator

May 5, 2009  
Town Meeting

- Annual Budget Meeting (7:00 pm)
  1. Housekeeping
  2. Annual Budget (Automatic Referendum)
- Special Town Meeting (Following ABM)
  1. Four Discretionary Matters

# MODERATOR'S AGENDA

- Call to Order
- National Anthem
- Pledge Of Allegiance
- Appointments:
  - Darren Cunningham – Deputy Moderator/Parliamentarian
  - Thomas Frank – Additional Deputy Moderator
  - Charles Houlihan – Additional Deputy Moderator
  - Nancy Thoma – Additional Deputy Moderator

# MODERATOR'S AGENDA

- Introduction:
  - Marge Diachenko & Lois Calvert – Registrar of Voters
  - David Gardner – Town Assessor
  - Carolyn Keily – Town Clerk who shall act as the Town Meeting Clerk
  - Mary Glassman – First Selectman
  - Candace Fitzpatrick – Board of Finance
  - Jack Sennott – Chairman of the Board of Education
  - David Holden – Board of Education Business Manager
  - Diane Ullman – Superintendent of Schools
- Call of the Meeting
- Notice of Section for Non-Voters

# MODERATOR'S AGENDA

- MOTION TO ADOPT THE RULES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE CONDUCT OF TOWN MEETING DATED JANUARY 19, 2008
  - Second
  - Highlights:
    - Rules will be supplemented by Roberts Rules of Order
    - Voters and Non-Voters may speak on any Call item
    - 5 minute time per speaker on each item
    - Method of Voting – voice vote
      - Alternate Methods – Hand, Standing or Secret Written Ballot
  - Discussion
  - Vote

## HOUSEKEEPING RESOLUTION

- Be it Resolved, that the Treasurer is hereby, authorized and instructed to transfer to the General Fund Surplus account the unexpended balances in the General Town's and Board of Education budgets at the closed of the 2008/09 fiscal year

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# OTHER ANNUAL BUDGET ITEMS



# PREVIOUS ACTIONS

- Public Hearing Was Held April 7, 2009
- Town Meeting Has No Discretion To Change (Legal Rulings) Annual Budget Proposal

- Adjourn To Automatic Referendum To Be Held May 19, 2009

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# BOARD OF FINANCE



## INTRODUCTION OF BUDGETS

Candace Fitzpatrick

# PURPOSE

- Review B.O.S. & B.O.E Operating Budgets
- Solicit Input from the Public
- Public Hearing required by Town Charter:  
“The Taxpayers be heard regarding appropriations for the ensuing fiscal year.....”

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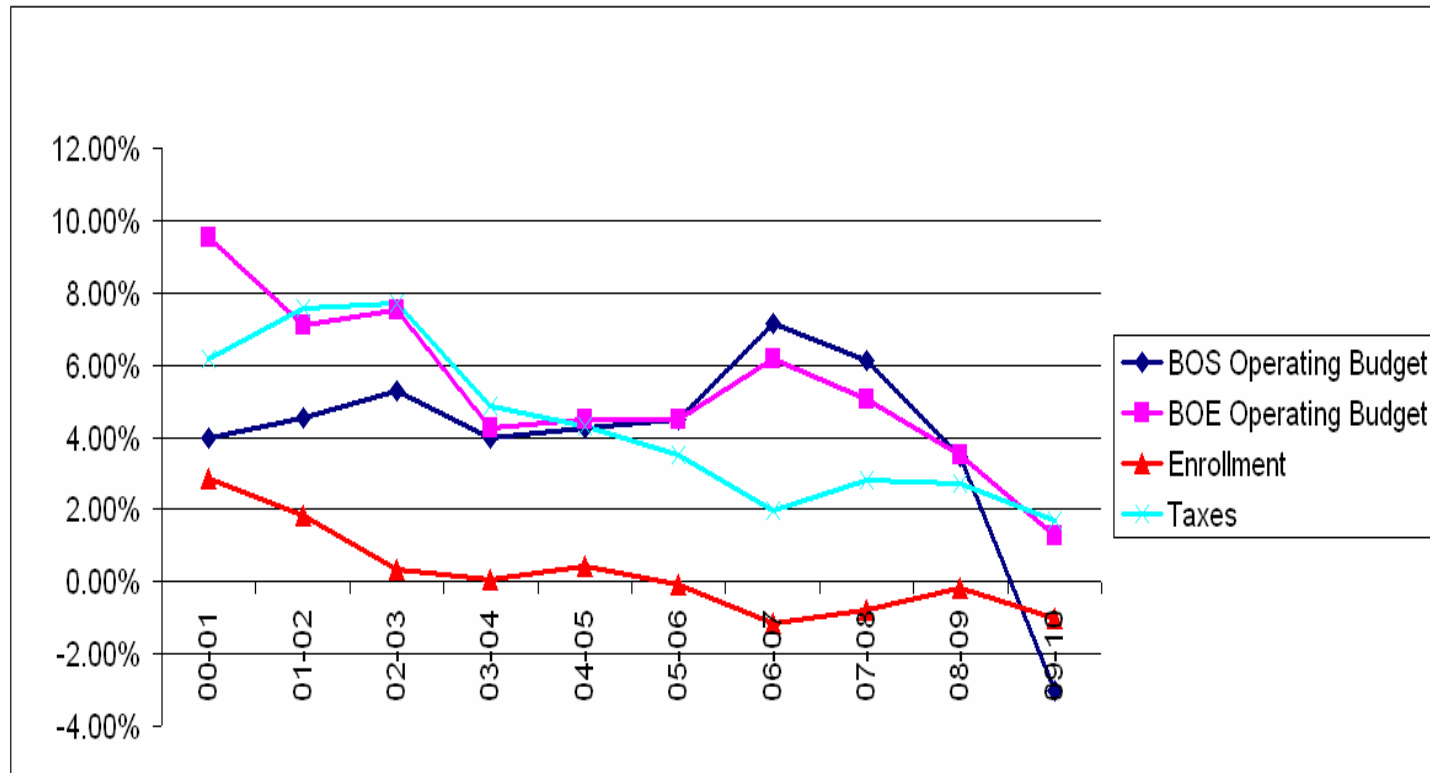
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# Budget Context

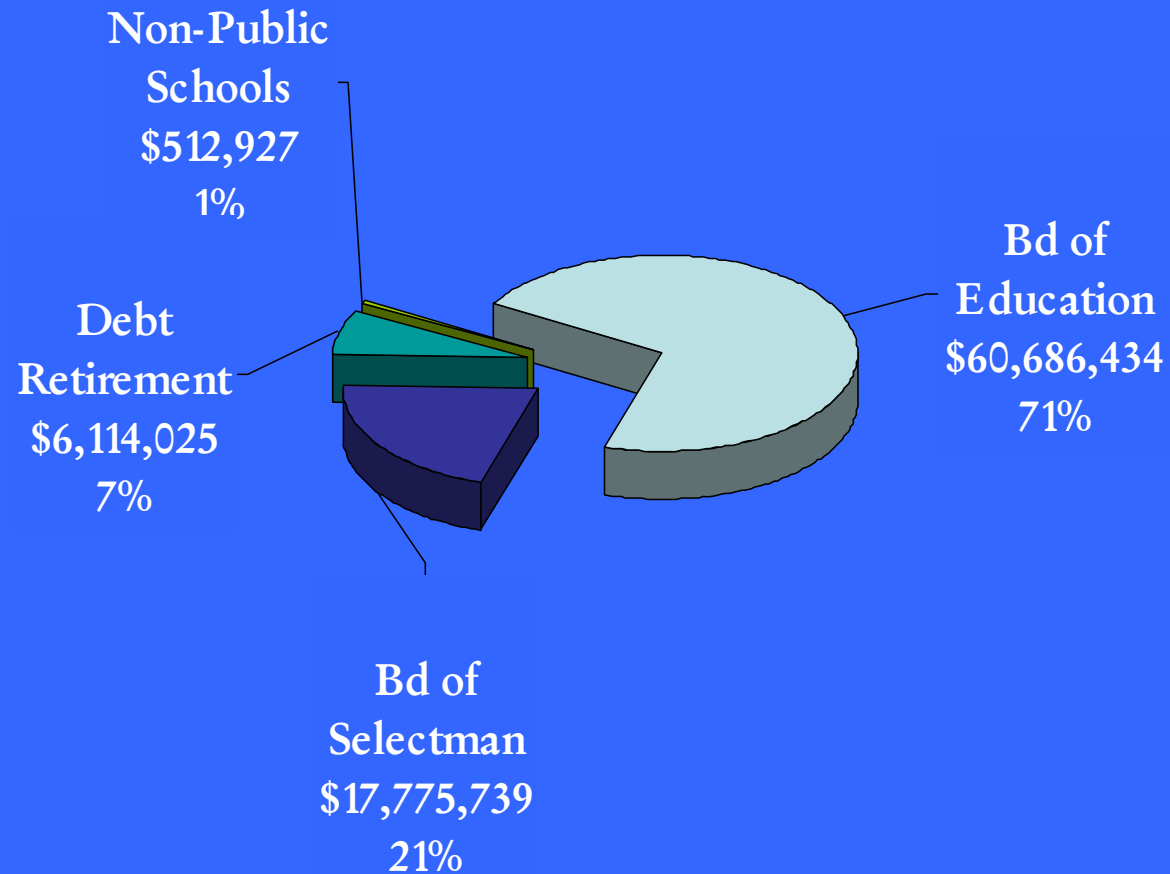
- Multi Year problem
- State Aid – Primarily ECS
- Investment Outlook
- Grand list Growth
- Sheff vs O'Neil
- Pension Obligations
- Overall Economic Issues

## COMPARISON OF KEY INDICATORS

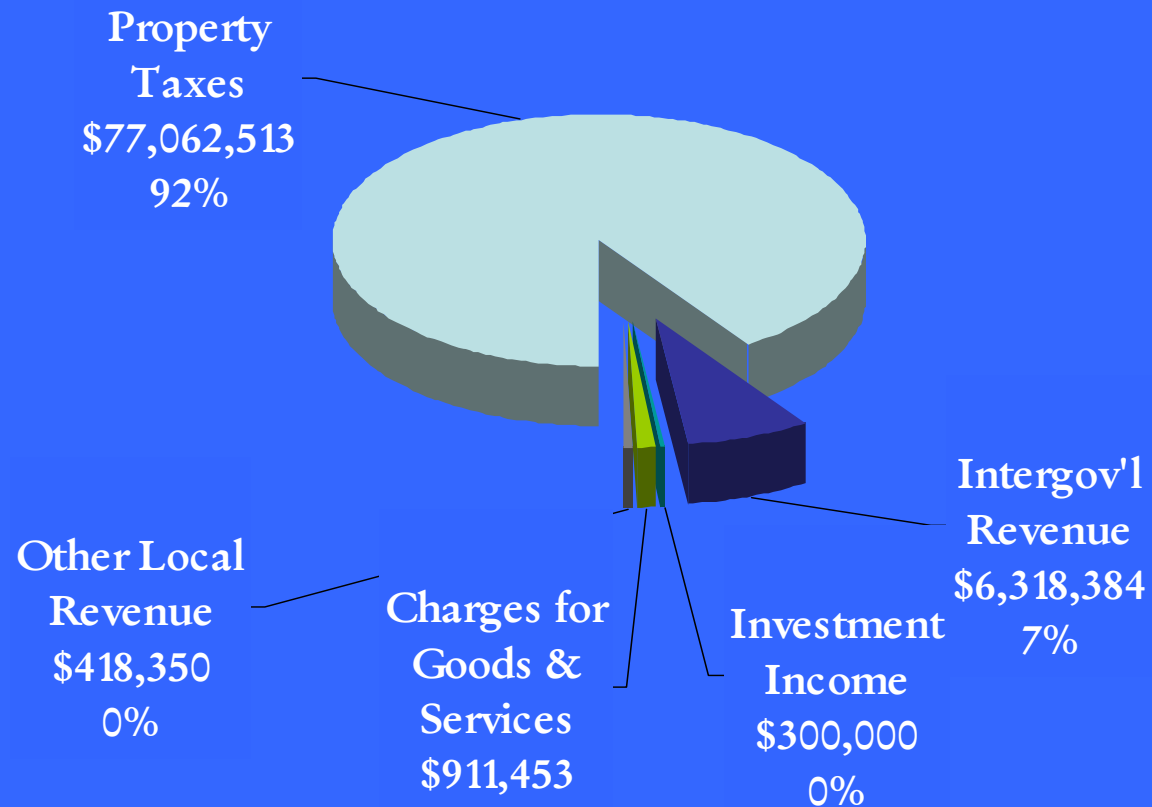
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<b>BOE Operating Budget</b>	9.52%	7.11%	7.51%	4.25%	4.50%	4.50%	6.18%	5.07%	3.50%	1.25%	5.34%	4.10%
<b>Enrollment</b>	2.84%	1.84%	0.32%	0.04%	0.42%	-0.06%	-1.16%	-0.79%	-0.18%	-1.02%	0.23%	-0.64%
<b>Taxes</b>	6.17%	7.56%	7.71%	4.86%	4.29%	3.53%	1.99%	2.79%	2.71%	1.69%	4.33%	2.54%



# Proposed Budgets



# Current Revenue Sources



# Tax Implication Estimates Range

- Current Mill Rate = 29.60 mills  
– (excluding Fire Tax)
- New Mill Rate = 30.10 mills  
– (excluding Fire Tax)
- Change
  - Percentage = 1.69%
  - Mills = 0.5 Mills

# BOARD OF SELECTMEN 2009-10 BUDGET PRESENTATION



Mary A. Glassman, First Selectman

# Board of Selectmen

## Proposed 2009/10 Operating Budget

- 1) Budget presented to taxpayer reflects a spending decrease of \$556,870 or 3.04%
  - Board of Selectmen considers Board of Finance spending increase guideline between 0% and 1.25%
  - First Selectmen Requests for across the board non personnel reduction of 5%
    - Initial Departmental Budget Submittal reflects a spending increase of \$393,859 or 2.15%
- 2) Budget presented to taxpayers reflects a spending decrease of \$950,729 or 5.19% from the initial budgets submitted by Town Department Heads

# Thanks To Town Employees - Givebacks

- Provided Savings of \$426,551
  - Non Affiliated Employees : combination of increase to health insurance, zero general wage and one day furlough – savings of \$83,111
  - Police : zero general wage – savings of \$118,760
  - Dispatchers : zero general wage – savings of \$14,814
  - Public Works : zero general wage – savings of \$85,092
  - CSEA : zero general wage – savings of \$124,774


# Recap of Requested Budget

Decrease of \$556,870 or 3.04%

- Four Major Decreases:
  1. \$426,551 – Employee Wage Concessions (145 FT Employees)
  2. \$285,888 – Elimination of four full time positions
  3. \$254,400 – Other Post Employment Benefit (OPEB) Annual Required Contribution
  4. \$120,000 – Deferring purchase of highway plow truck
  
- Four Major Increases:
  1. \$95,100 – Enhancement in Salt / Sanding Roads
  2. \$58,118 – Paving Management
  3. \$57,000 – Eno Memorial Improvements
  4. \$51,465 – Pension Annual Required Contribution

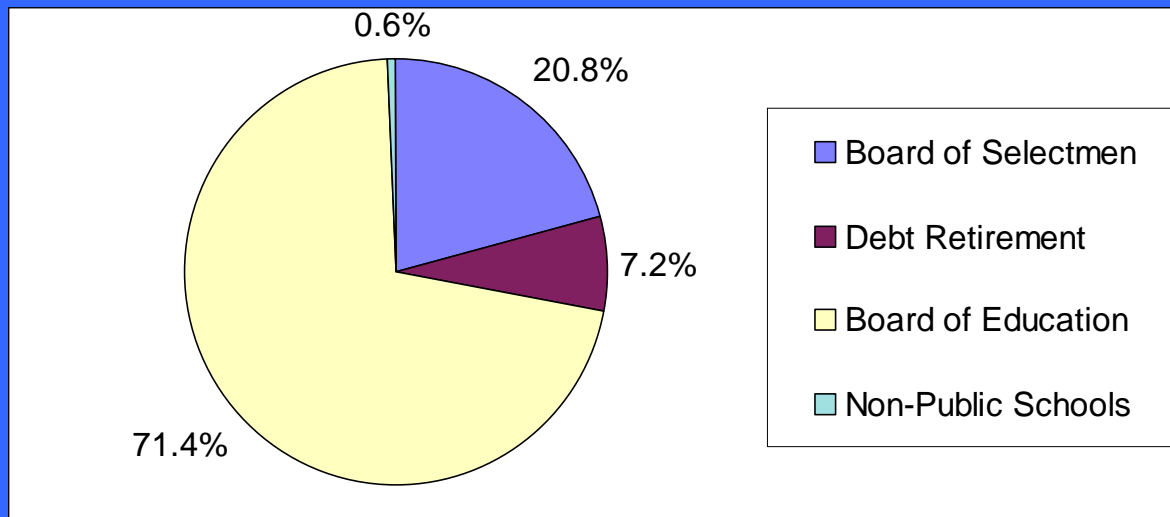
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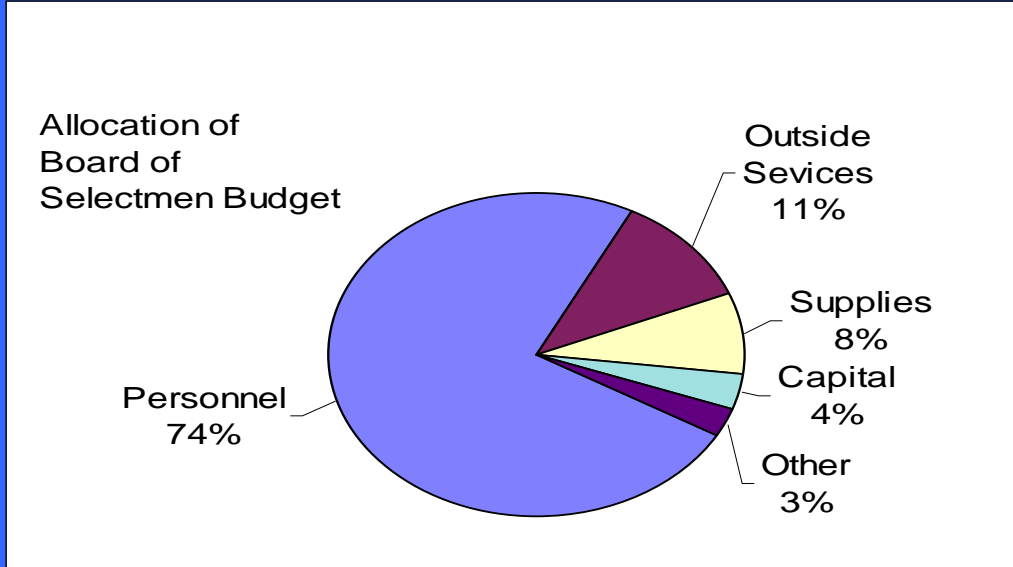
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# New Initiatives



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- Green Initiatives
- Eno Hall Improvements
- Highway – Enhanced Salt Treatment to our roadways

# Simsbury Department Goals:

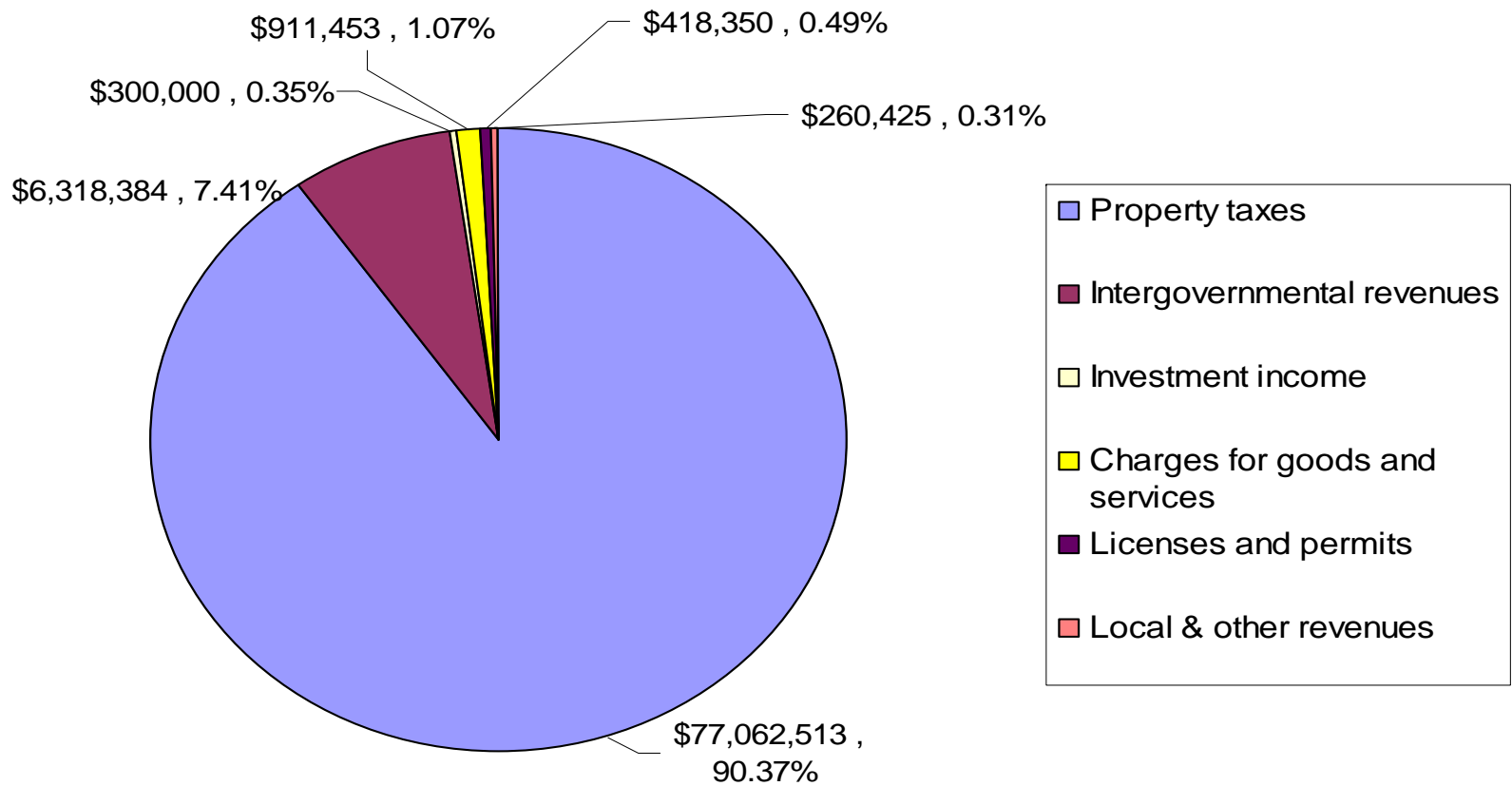
- Recreation: Expand quality of life opportunities for the community
- Police: Achieve national accreditation and maintain state accreditation
- Library: Develop a completely revised and interactive library web site

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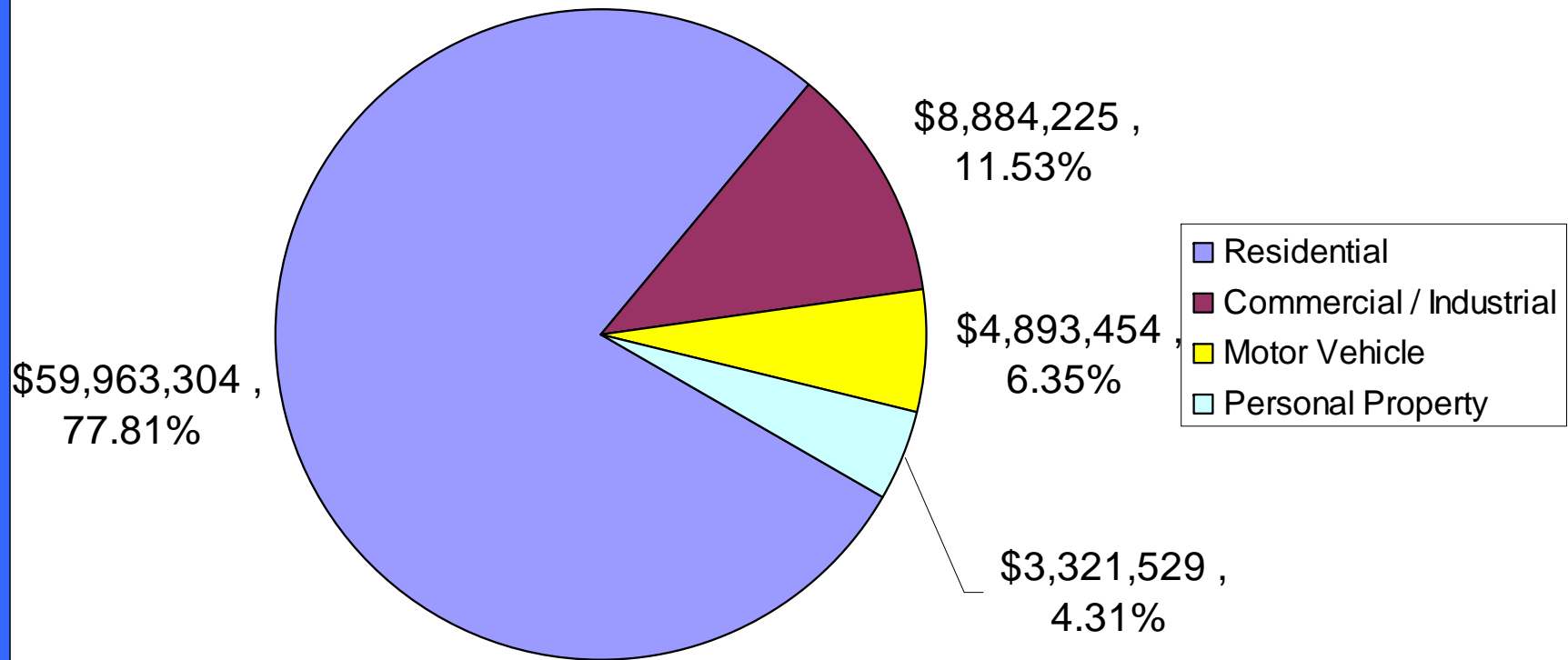
- Planning: Implement electronic permitting and permit tracking system
- Social Services: Establish a weekly meal program for Simsbury residents
- Town Clerk: Complete project to provide land record grantor/grantee index on-line
- Engineering: Provide support in the areas of design, contracting and administration for Town projects
- Finance: Request for proposals for banking services

# Current 2009/10 Revenues

## Breakdown of Revenues Sources

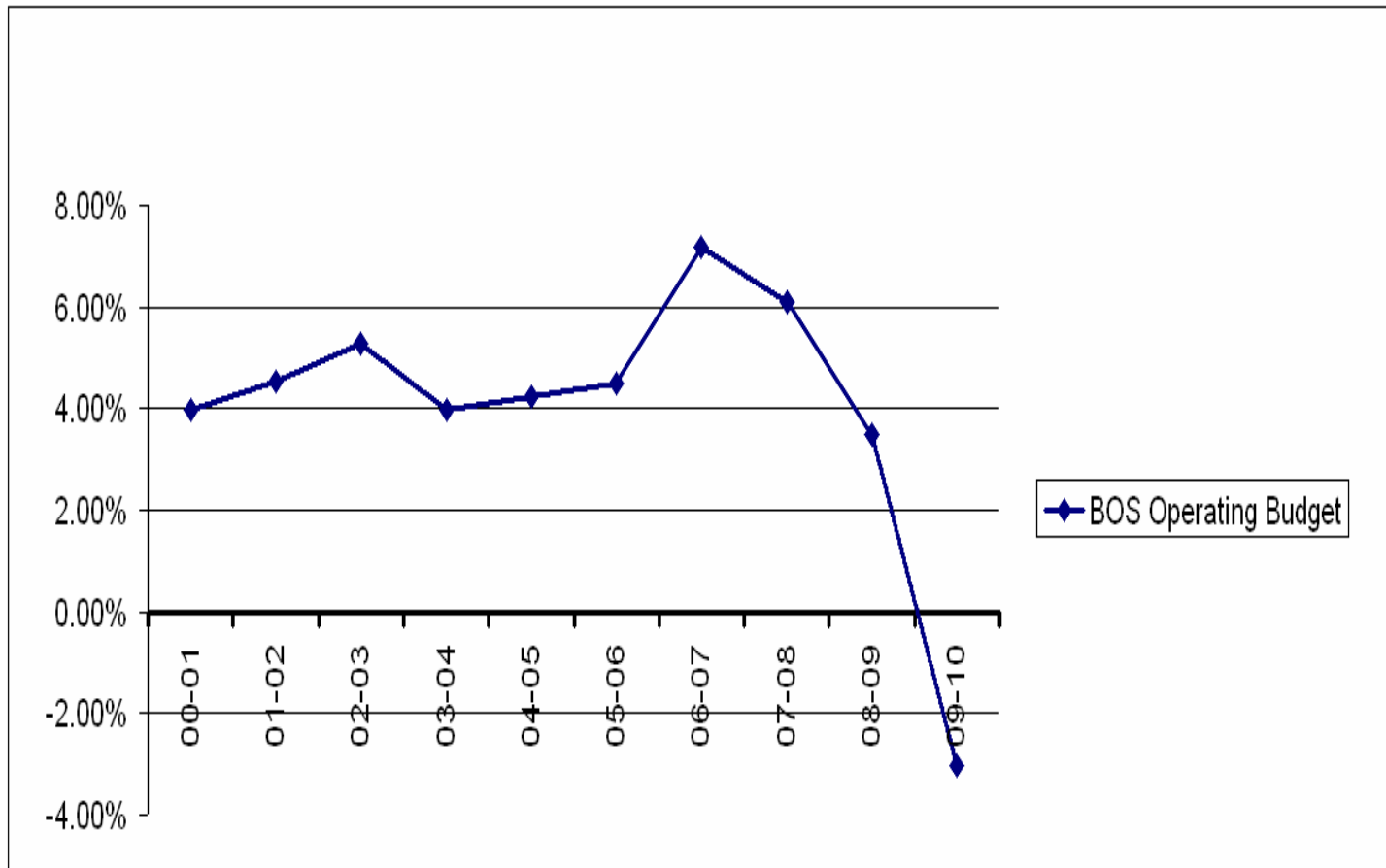


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# AGENDA

- Resolution #4- To Be Discussed & Voted On At Referendum: Other proposed \$12,770,856 fiscal year 2009/10 cumulative budgets
  - Special Revenue Fund Budgets (e.g. Sewer Treatment Plant, Animal Control, Residential Rental Properties & Simsbury Farms / Special Programs)
    - Presented By Mary A. Glassman, First Selectman
  - Non Public School Budget
    - Presented By Jack Sennott, Chairman, Board of Education
  - Debt Retirement and Capital & Nonrecurring Budgets
    - Presented By Paul Henault, Chairman, Board of Finance

# RESOLUTION #4 BUDGETS

• General Fund Budgets	
– Debt Retirement (BOS)	\$6,114,025
– Non-Public Schools	512,927
• Capital & Non-Recurring Fund	1,069,341
• Self Funding Programs	
– Sewer Use (Sewer Treatment Plant)	3,170,630
– Residential Rental Properties	33,453
– Animal Control (licenses, etc.)	76,231
– Simsbury Farms	<u>1,794,249</u>
	\$12,770,856

# SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

## 2009/10 Operating Budgets

	<u>Requested Budget</u>	<u>Dollar</u>	<u>Change</u> <u>Percentage</u>
Sewer Use Fund	3,170,630	(872,871)	-21.59%
Residential Rental Properties Fund	33,453	( 56,276)	-62.72%
Animal Control Fund	76,231	( 2,876)	- 3.64%
Simsbury Farms Fund	1,794,249	( 13,576)	- 0.76%

# NON-PUBLIC SCHOOL BUDGET

2009-10

\$ 512,927

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1.25% increase

\$ 6,332

in new dollars



# DEBT RETIREMENT BUDGET

	Adopted Budget <u>2008-09</u>	Requested Budget <u>2009-10</u>	<u>Change</u> <u>Dollar</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Principal	4,815,000	4,815,000	-	0.00%
Interest	1,443,286	1,299,025	(144,261)	3.40%
Total	<u>6,258,286</u>	<u>6,114,025</u>	<u>(144,261)</u>	<u>(2.31%)</u>

# Capital & Nonrecurring Fund 2009/10 Budget

Total Budget Request  
\$1,069,341

- Town \$365,000 \*
- Board of Education 543,000 \*
- Paving Management 161,341 \*\*

\* Reimbursed (payback) from the respective Operating Budgets over a five year period.

\*\* Reimbursed from State grants.

# Town 2009/10 Budget Requests Capital & Nonrecurring Fund

- Highway Garage – Connect to Sanitary Sewers  
\$105,000
- Curtiss Field Improvements  
75,000
- Bikeway Improvements 72,500
- Town Offices Improvements  
46,000
- Simsbury Farms Repairs 40,000
- Golf Utility Vehicle 26,500

# Education 2009/10 Budget Requests Capital & Nonrecurring Fund

- Buses \$240,000
- Equipment – Instructional / Non-Instructional 120,000
- Ceiling / Flooring Replacement  
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- Interior Building Renovation 88,000
- Plumbing Modifications 60,000
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# Budget Referendum Vote

Day: Tuesday, May 19, 2009

Time: 6:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Location: Henry James Memorial School  
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Simsbury, Connecticut

Thank you & Good Evening