

Town of Falmouth, Maine Proposed FY2023 – 2024 Operating Expense Budget

Finance Committee Meeting
March 1, 2023



TOWN OF FALMOUTH BUDGET DRIVERS

	2023 BUDGET	2024 BUDGET	VARIANCE
Operating Expense (Town Only)	17,670,251	18,931,689	1,261,438
COLA			319,960
Create Future Building Fund in CIP			300,000
Contingency reserves for Union negotiation and wage adjustments			145,000
Trail Maintenance contract with Falmouth Land trust			117,100
Market Wage adjustments			116,595
Health Insurance			70,197
Contribution to the Library			50,561
Motor Fuel			46,311
Workers Comp			36,052
Electricity			31,489
Senior Tax Refund			30,000
All Other			(1,827)
			1,261,438

NON-TAX REVENUE

	2023	2024	
	BUDGET	BUDGET	VARIANCE
Non-Tax Revenue	7,618,641	8,303,098	684,457
Auto Excise			554,566
Growth-Related Permits and Fees			10,901
State Revenue Share			41,606
Ambulance Charges			40,000
Interest Income			20,000
Resident Stickers			7,495
Other			9,889
			<hr/> 684,457

Note: Resident Stickers assume a rate increase

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021

PROPOSED PROJECT LIST - TIER 1		FY2022	FY2023	Total	FY2024
PROPOSED PROJECT LIST	Revenue Reduction	Spending	Spending	Spending	Remaining
POLICE					
Cruiser Cages - plexiglass partitions	\$ 18,000.00	1,900	3,943	5,843	12,157
SMART board - virtual trial testimony	\$ 8,000.00	7,255	-	7,255	745
IT PROJECTS					
Cable TV equipment for hybrid meetings - Town and School	\$ 25,000.00	22,746	2,254	25,000	-
ADMINISTRATION & PUBLIC HEALTH					
COVID New Variants	\$ 50,000.00	8,161	-	8,161	41,839
Public Health/Mental Health/Unhoused	\$ 20,000.00	-	-	-	20,000
Greeter/Contact Tracer Wages	\$ 8,000.00	8,000	-	8,000	-
FIRE-EMS					
Replace Tank 4 with Engine/Tank	\$ 325,000.00	-	-	-	325,000
COMMUNITY PROGRAMS					
Park Improvements/Amenities	\$ 40,000.00	-	40,000	40,000	-
Replace Gym floor at Community Center	\$ 80,000.00	-	-	-	80,000
Recreation Program Health & Safety Improvements (placeholder)	\$ 20,000.00	-	-	-	20,000
FALMOUTH SCHOOLS					
Allocation to technology infrastructure (FES School/Town live streaming meetings and HS communications upgrade - phone/PA system upgrade which includes improving parent/student/teacher communications via phone/email). Total project estimated cost \$120,000.	\$ 51,000.00	-	-	-	51,000
Child Care Program (District) - Tuition loss (April - June 2020). Program shut down due to COVID.	\$ 64,000.00	-	-	-	64,000
Other revenues - athletics participation fees, gate fees, facility rentals, testing fees (reduction due to COVID impact on programs)	\$ 45,000.00	-	-	-	45,000
School Nutrition Deficit - current year loss approx \$300K, future unknown (pending legislation for "free" meals)	\$ 490,000.00	-	-	-	490,000
Totals	\$ 1,244,000.00	48,061	46,197	94,259	1,149,741

PROPOSED PROJECT LIST - TIER 2					
PROPOSED PROJECT LIST	Revenue Reduction				
POLICE					
Washer/Dryer installation	\$ 4,000.00	-	-	-	4,000
IT PROJECTS					
Enhance Online Services including Permitting Software – this would streamline the permitting process and allow full remote capability for submission, review and download of permits as approved	\$ -	-	-	-	(100,000)
ADMINISTRATION & ECONOMIC AID					
Low Income Tax relief (placeholder)	\$ 50,000.00	-	-	-	50,000
Food Pantry Grant (placeholder)	\$ 20,000.00	8,500	10,000	18,500	1,500
FIRE					
Washer/Dryer	\$ 20,000.00	-	-	-	20,000
OTHER - Council Chambers	\$ 38,000.00	-	-	-	38,000
Totals	\$ 132,000.00	8,500	10,000	18,500	113,500

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

Budget Changes

Net Reduction - Nathan Reviews	(549,349)
Future Building Fund	<u>300,000</u>
	(249,349)

Movements

CIP Use of Fund Balance	(234,000)
Library Development Director Use of Fund Balance	(90,290)
Use ARPA money for Community Center Gym Floor	(80,000)
Use ARPA money to partially pay for Tank 4	<u>(325,000)</u>
	(729,290)

Total improvement	(978,639)
Total mil rate improvement	(0.25)

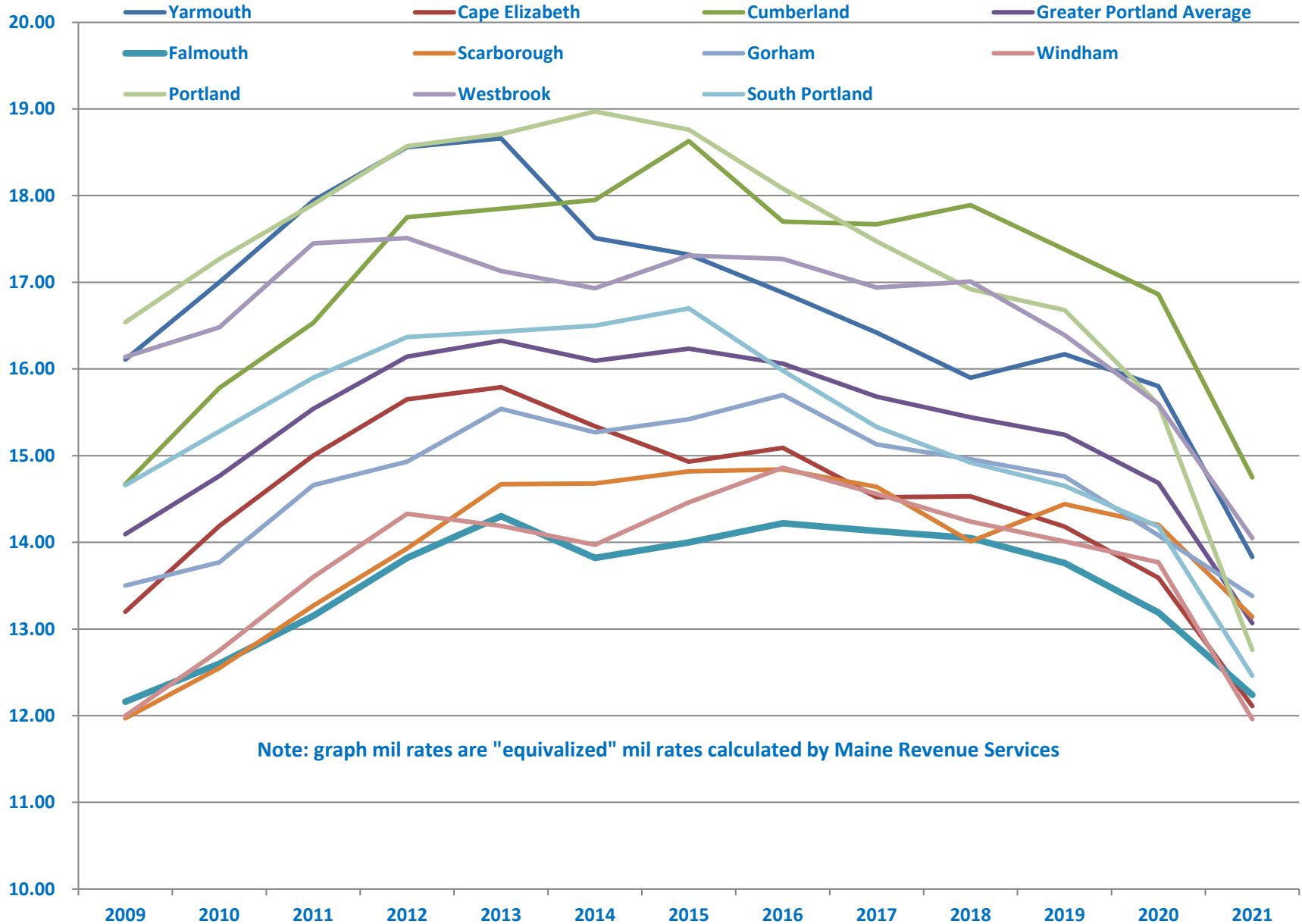
MIL RATE IMPACT

	2023	2024		Mil Rate
<u>Proposed Budget</u>	BUDGET	BUDGET	Variance	Impact
Operating Expense (Town Only)	17,670,251	18,931,689	1,261,438	0.32
Overlay	262,063	100,000	(162,063)	(0.04)
Non-Tax Revenue	(7,618,641)	(8,303,098)	(684,457)	(0.18)
Net From Property Taxes	10,313,673	10,728,591	414,918	0.11
Valuation (\$000)				(0.03)
Estimated Tax Rate				0.08

FALMOUTH RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY VALUES

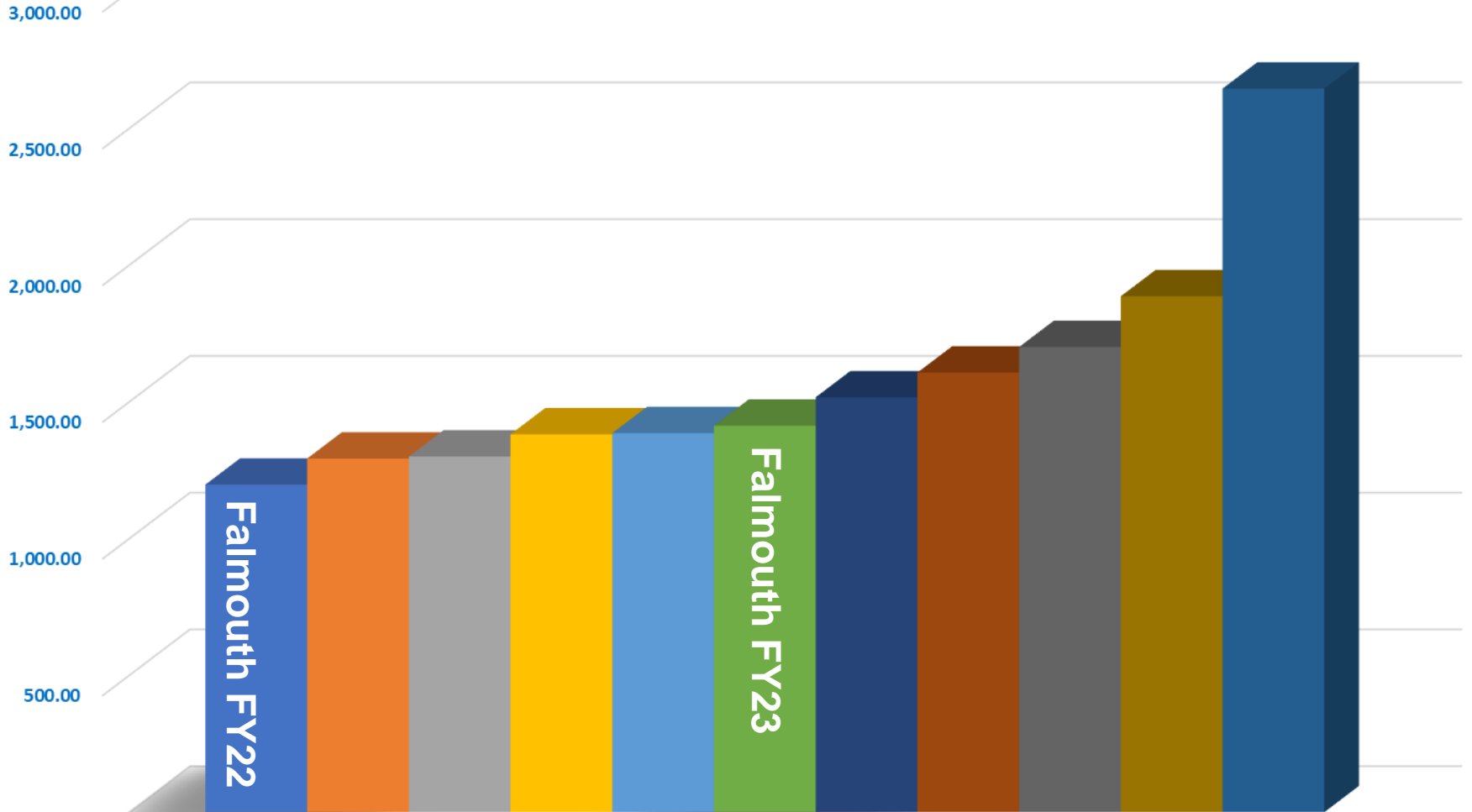
Property Value (range) With habitable residence	# of Units 2022	% of total units 2022	# of Units 2023	% of total units 2023
0 to 200,000	330	7.0%	18	0.4%
201k to 300k	1090	23.1%	167	3.5%
301k to 400k	1091	23.1%	504	10.5%
401k to 500k	859	18.2%	696	14.5%
501k to 600k	517	11.0%	657	13.7%
601k to 700k	314	3.8%	684	14.2%
701k to 800k	178	3.8%	546	11.4%
801k to 900k	111	2.4%	413	8.6%
901k to 1M	64	1.4%	285	5.9%
1M to 1.499M	98	2.1%	595	12.4%
1.5M to 1.999M	27	0.6%	148	3.1%
Over 2M	35	0.7%	93	1.9%
Total	4714	100.0%	4,806	100.0%
Average assessed value	452,839	63.8%	757,659	63.3%
Median	383,950		652,400	

Greater Portland Mil Rate Comparison



Note: graph mil rates are "equalized" mil rates calculated by Maine Revenue Services

FY22 Gross Expense Per Capita Comparison

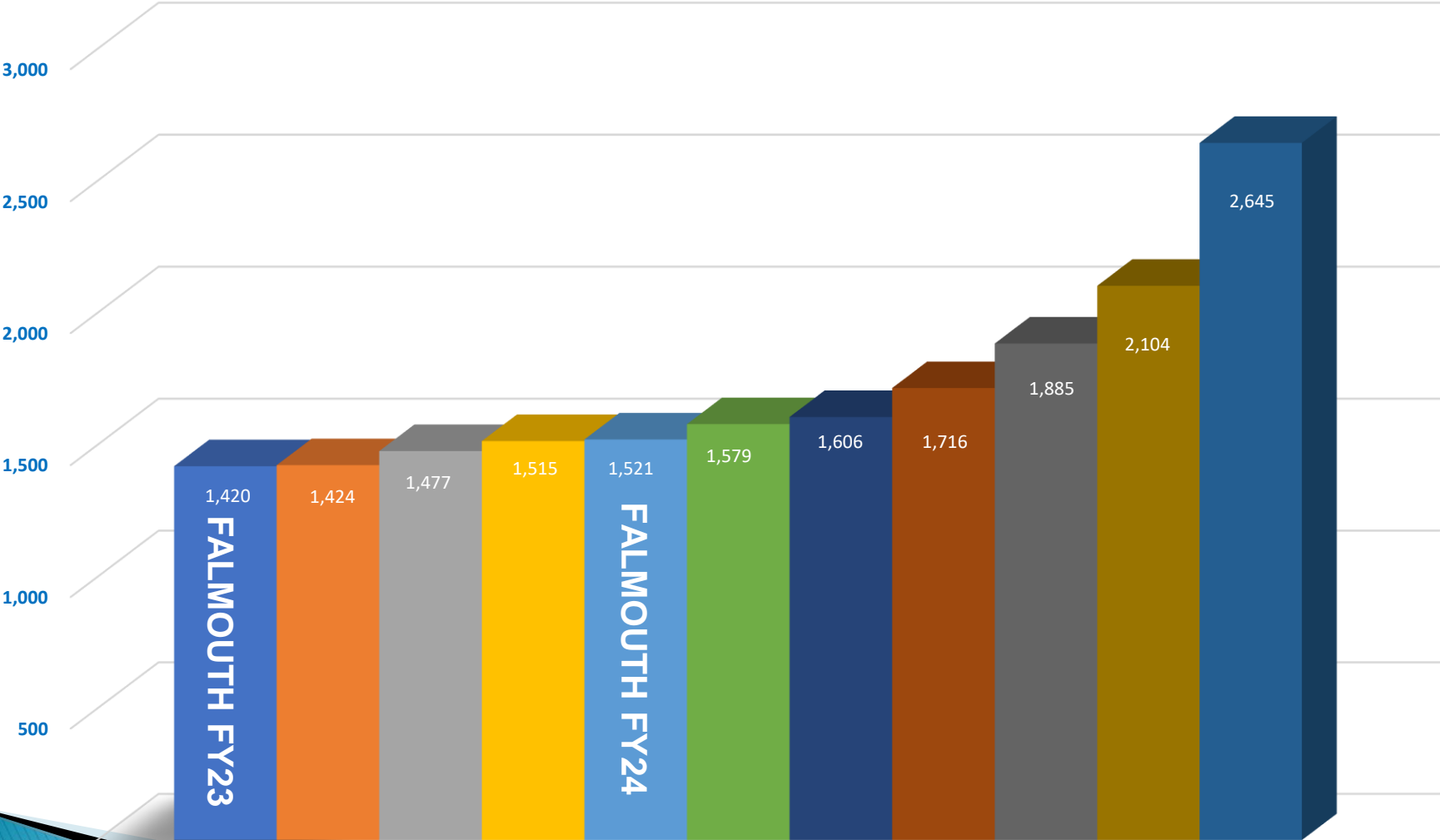


Gross Expense per Capita

■ Falmouth ■ Freeport ■ Cumberland ■ Westbrook ■ Windham ■ Falmouth FY23 ■ South Portland ■ Saco ■ Yarmouth ■ Scarborough ■ Portland (excl HHS)

FY23 Gross Expenditure per Capita

■ Falmouth ■ Freeport ■ Cumberland ■ Westbrook ■ Falmouth FY24 ■ Saco ■ Windham ■ Yarmouth ■ Scarborough ■ South Portland ■ Portland (excl HHS)



Gross Expense per Capita