

EAST GRANBY FISCAL YEAR 2020-21 BUDGET

IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON THE BUDGET PROCESS:

With social distancing, closures and shut downs, all of our lives have been impacted. The budget process is no exception and **we will have our first virtual public budget hearing on May 12th**. Please have patience as COVID-19 restrictions will significantly impact our usual process.

Attached on this website is information from the Boards of Finance (BOF), Selectmen (BOS) and Education (BOE) regarding the proposed budget and a description of the process that has led us to this point. This website contains proposed spending levels and estimated revenues for the upcoming fiscal year that runs from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021.

VIRTUAL BUDGET HEARING – MAY 12TH AT 7:30 PM:

While this website contains detailed information, it's no substitute for attending the Virtual Public Budget Hearing scheduled for 7:30 pm on Tuesday, May 12th. The meeting will be held on the computer through Zoom or you can dial-in if you prefer. Instructions for both methods are below.

To access the meeting via ZOOM, go to their website at zoom.us/join and enter the Meeting ID of 823 7616 5231 with the Password – 242846. To dial-in, the toll-free number is 860-370-3002 and the Meeting ID and Password are the same as above. Or you can use the link listed below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82376165231?pwd=MWZTRE5UcWp6SWNOampablhLUWZiUT09> .

BUDGET INFORMATION:

Budget information is found here on the www.eastgranbyct.org home page. You can also call the Selectmen's Office at 860-413-3301 or for BOE information, check www.eastgranby.k12.ct.us or call the BOE office at 860-653-6486. If you would like to provide budget feedback directly to the Board of Finance you can email them at: 20-21budgetcomment@egtownhall.com

BUDGET PROCESS CHANGES:

The budget process is different this year and has been impacted by COVID-19 and concerns about public safety. In previous years' there was a Public Hearing followed by a Town Meeting and in most years a Referendum. This year, there will not be a town-wide vote following the Public Hearing. Pursuant to Governor Lamont's Executive Order 7I, paragraph 13, in-person budget adoption requirements such as the Town Meeting and Referendum are suspended for the FY2020-21 budget cycle and the Board of Finance is authorized to adopt the FY2020-21 Town Budget and to set the mill rate. The BOF is scheduled to meet immediately after the Public Hearing and it is anticipated that they will vote and approve the annual budget and set the mill (tax) rate at that time.

NEW TAX RELIEF DEFERRAL PROGRAM:

As a result of the financial hardships imposed on residents by COVID-19, the Board of Selectmen has passed a new tax relief deferral program for residents, businesses/non-profit and landlords. Applicable real estate, motor vehicle and personal property taxes are due July 1, 2020. Normally there is a thirty-day grace period for residents to pay their taxes. Under this program, interest and penalties will be deferred until ninety-days after the original due date for eligible applicants. Residents whose taxes are due on July 1, 2020 would have until October 1, 2020 to pay their taxes without any interest or penalties. There are eligibility requirements and an application must be filled out. For more information call the Tax Collector at 860-413-3306 or dorianh@egtownhall.com. You can also visit our website <https://eastgranbyct.org/new-municipal-tax-relief-deferral-program/> for the details

Other tax relief programs such as Senior Tax Relief and Veterans Exemptions are available, please contact Assessor Mary Ellen Brown at 860-653-2852 for more information.

Jim Hayden – First Selectman