

PUBLIC NOTICE – FY 16 BUDGET PREPARATION

The Town's website now has a sub-tab under the Town Manager's tab related to budget preparation for fiscal year 2016 (FY 16). This tab will be a central repository where all budget preparation materials, including schedules, public meeting notices, and other important information will be stored for public access and viewing.

The proposed FY 16 budget will be determined as follows:

1. Staff and management determine necessary funding levels to keep, expand, or reduce current service levels;
2. Public workshops and hearings conducted by an appointed Budget Committee and the elected Board of Selectmen review management's recommendations for accuracy and determine policy-based levels of service; and
3. Voter action at the Annual Town Meeting this spring determines the ultimate level of public finance appropriate for each municipal department and/or need.

The budget is important because it determines municipal operating expenses, and therefore a portion of the tax rate, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 and running through June 30, 2016.

With questions please contact Town Manager Patrick Venne at 207-698-1101 or townmanager@berwickmaine.org.