

TOWN OF SOMERS
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At the May 13th Town of Somers Board of Finance special meeting the Finance Board approved a recommended annual budget of \$29.4 million for fiscal year 2013-14 which begins July 1st, 2013. The Annual Meeting is scheduled on Tuesday, May 21st with a recommended referendum vote on June 4th, 2013.

The new recommended budget translates into 0.25 mil rate increase which is smaller than the 0.65 mil increase which had been proposed at a public hearing last month. The new recommended mill rate of 23.37 would mean an increase of about \$50 per year for the average home in Somers.

“I’m very pleased at what came out of the Board of Finance meeting,” said First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini. “This budget would allow us to preserve both the town’s operating and education budgets yet with a smaller tax increase. Everybody wins.”

Board of Finance Chairman James Persano stated “The members of the Board of Finance worked very hard to consider everyone’s interests. We’re sensitive to the fact that citizens are still going through challenging economic times but that they still desire town services and a quality education for our children.”

The Annual Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 21st at 7pm in the Town Hall Auditorium. A referendum date of June 4th is being proposed by the Board of Selectmen.

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