

AGENDA
SCARBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY – FEBRUARY 20, 2019
WORKSHOP RE: BUDGET GOAL 5:30 P.M.

Item 1. Call to Order.

Item 2. Those Present.

Item 3. Discussion on the Budget Goal.

Item 4. Adjournment.

As a frame of reference to inform the discussion regarding the FY2020 budget goal, please see the historical information relating to change in the Commitment, which is the NET budget and the amount that needs to be raised through property taxes and the tax rate. Either metric could be used, but historically the goal has focused on tax rate increase.

For purposes of establishing a budget goal, I encourage the Town Council to consider which metric (commitment or tax rate) you chose to use and then the percent change that is tolerable. The other issue that should be made clear in the goal is whether the estimated impact of the residential revaluation should be considered in the projected tax rate estimate.

Tax Commitment over Time

Year	Commitment	Percent Change
2010	\$ 42,825,994	
2011	\$ 44,919,255	4.89%
2012	\$ 46,532,692	3.59%
2013	\$ 50,117,119	7.70%
2014	\$ 54,062,720	7.87%
2015	\$ 55,877,372	3.36%
2016	\$ 58,018,545	3.83%
2017	\$ 60,119,691	3.62%
2018	\$ 62,422,707	3.83%
2019	\$ 66,162,710	5.99%
	Average	4.97%

Tax rate over Time

Year	Tax Rate	Percent Change
2010	\$ 12.15	
2011	\$ 12.63	3.95%
2012	\$ 13.03	3.17%
2013	\$ 13.80	5.91%
2014	\$ 14.77	7.03%
2015	\$ 15.10	2.23%
2016	\$ 15.49	2.58%
2017	\$ 15.92	2.78%
2018	\$ 16.49	3.58%
2019	\$ 16.49	0.00%
	Average	3.47%

Since Council first adopted a goal of a stabilized tax rate increase in 2015, the average annual tax rate increase has been 2.23%. When the 0% increase of 2018 is removed from this average the average from 2015 – 2017 is 2.79%.