

## Budget Committee Annual Report

This year the Budget Committee has made several recommendations on forty four budgets and eighteen warrant articles for the Sandown voters to review at the deliberative session.

Officially, the town's Budget Committee's purpose is "to assist its voters in the prudent appropriation of public funds". This is accomplished by reviewing the proposed department budgets along with the backup information provided and asking questions of the department leaders for justification of their requests and estimates. I believe this committee has met this goal to the best of its abilities and hope you will agree.

After the Public Hearing and before Deliberative session, **the Budget Committee's 2015 budget proposal is \$3,481,594 and is lower than the Default budget of \$3,481,939 by \$345.** A default budget is arrived at by taking the approved budget last year plus or minus any contractual differences, mandatory expenses, and one-time expenditures.

In 2014 many residents saw increased property tax bills and asked where does the money go. The Local School (71%) and State School (9%) budgets together consume 80% of all town taxes collected. The town operating budget uses 16% and the county tax is 4%. Please see graphs on the next page for more detail and trending.

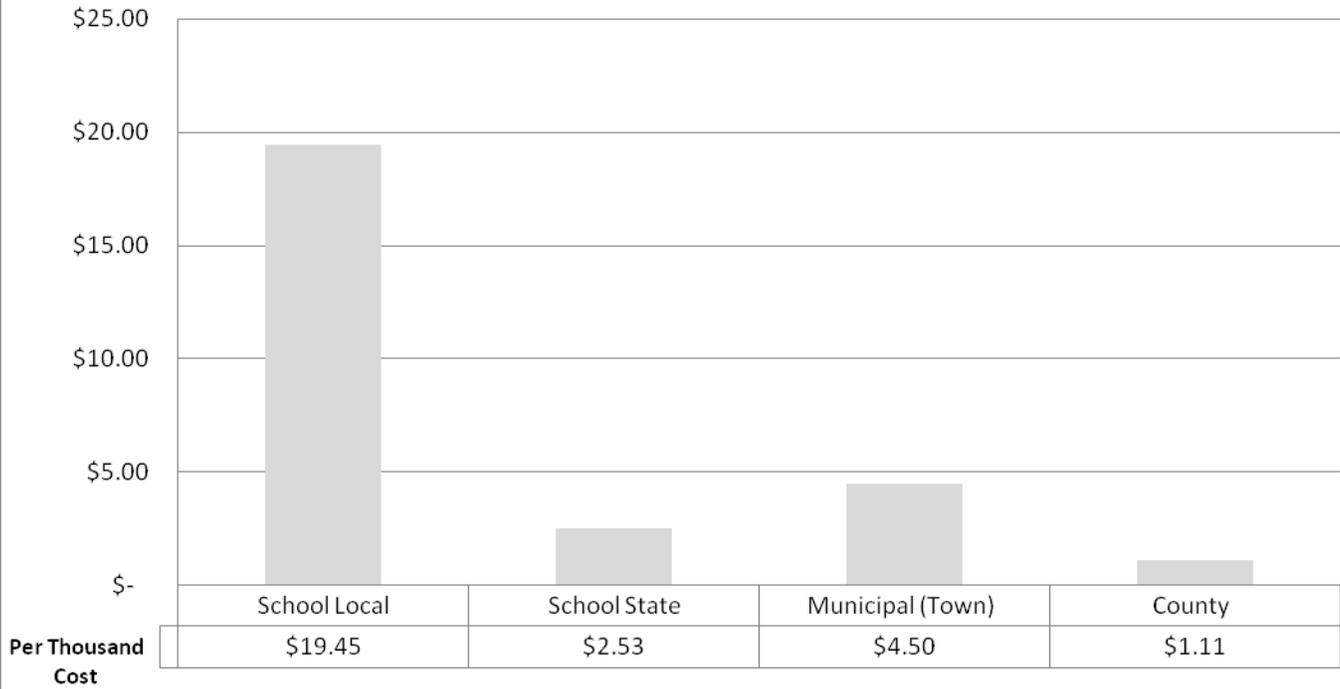
It takes many people working together to arrive at a responsible budget proposal. Thanks go to members of the Budget Committee for volunteering their time and commitment to deliver a fiscally responsible 2015 budget proposal. Also to the Board of Selectmen and Department leaders for helping us to better understand their budgets and providing us with the information needed. Special thanks to the town hall office staff who are so helpful and supportive of this committee by answering our many questions and helping us to prepare for all our meetings.

Respectfully,

Bruce Z. Cleveland

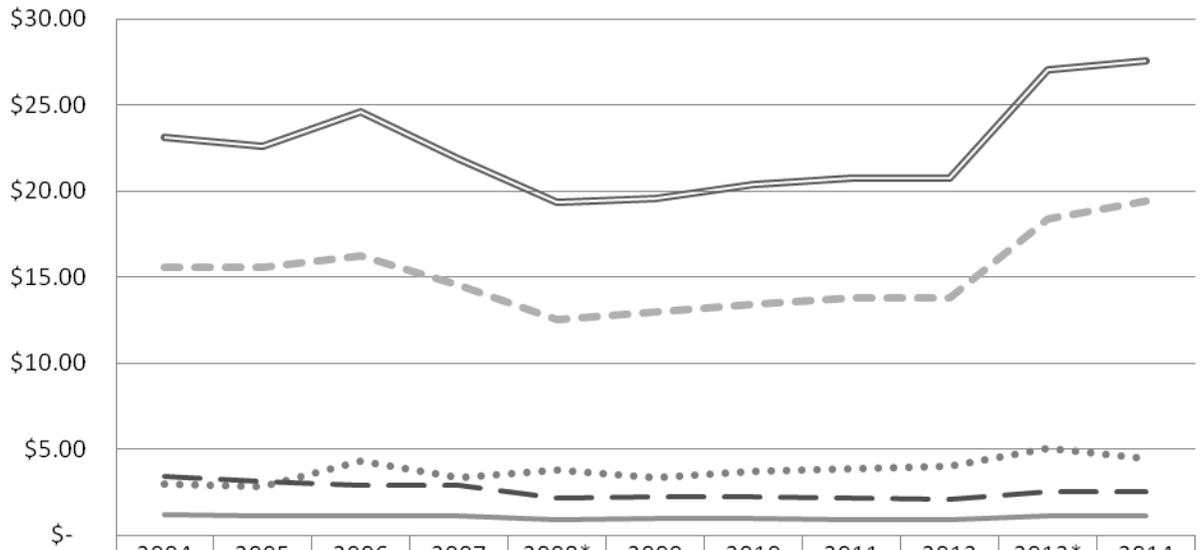
Sandown Budget Committee Chair

## 2014 Sandown NH Tax Rate (\$27.59 / Thousand Breakout)



Per Thousand Cost

## Sandown NH Tax rates 2004 - 2014



	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008*	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013*	2014
— Total Tax Rate	\$23.15	\$22.63	\$24.58	\$21.89	\$19.37	\$19.55	\$20.38	\$20.75	\$20.78	\$27.08	\$27.59
- - - School Local	\$15.56	\$15.58	\$16.26	\$14.55	\$12.54	\$12.99	\$13.42	\$13.81	\$13.79	\$18.37	\$19.45
..... Municipal (Town)	\$2.98	\$2.82	\$4.29	\$3.34	\$3.77	\$3.38	\$3.75	\$3.87	\$4.00	\$5.06	\$4.50
- . - School State	\$3.42	\$3.12	\$2.92	\$2.90	\$2.16	\$2.21	\$2.26	\$2.17	\$2.08	\$2.53	\$2.53
— County	\$1.19	\$1.11	\$1.11	\$1.10	\$0.90	\$0.97	\$0.95	\$0.90	\$0.91	\$1.12	\$1.11

\* Town Wide Revaluation