

**TIVERTON FINANCIAL TOWN HEARING
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2020**

MEETING NOTIFICATION

In accordance with the Open Meeting Law, Section 42-46-6, notice is hereby given that the Tiverton Financial Town Hearing will be held on **Thursday, September 10, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.** The Town will be conducting its meeting in compliance with Executive Order 20-05 dated March 16, 2020 by the Honorable Gina Raimondo.

*****AS A RESULT OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, AND THE CLOSURE OF TOWN HALL, THIS MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED VIRTUALLY, THROUGH AN APPLICATION CALLED, "ZOOM"*****

IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE, USE THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS:

1. Call the toll-free number: 877-853-5247 (audio only) and enter the following information:

MEETING ID: **968 5357 2651**

You will then be asked for the meeting passcode.

Enter the following passcode number:

PASSCODE: **285815**

2. To participate visually (with audio) you will need to log into the following from your computer or smart phone, go to: www.zoom.us

Enter the following information when prompted:

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Once entered you will be able to view and listen to the meeting. At the appropriate time for public comment the moderator of the meeting will allow you to provide comment at the meeting.

The meeting will be viewable live at: <https://www.youtube.com/user/TivertonVideos>

The public may send written comments via email to publiccomment@tiverton.ri.gov or by regular mail to the Town Clerk at 343 Highland Road, Tiverton, RI 02878 or place in the grey drop box located outside Town Hall by 12:00 noon on **Thursday, September 10, 2020.**

AGENDA

TOWN CLERK: Pledge of Allegiance
Introduce Speakers
Brief Discussion on Procedure
Budget Proposals, Ballot, and Reports

1. BUDGET COMMITTEE: Presentation of Budget Committee Budget Proposal
Presentation of Budget Committee Resolutions

AUDIENCE QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

TOWN CLERK: Adjournment

BUDGET PROPOSALS AND RESOLUTIONS AS APPEARS ON SEPTEMBER 26, 2020 BALLOT

NOTE: THIS YEAR THERE IS ONLY ONE BUDGET PROPOSAL

1. BUDGET COMMITTEE'S BUDGET PROPOSAL

The Town Shall:

Appropriate a sum of \$32,126,520 for School Department General Operating and Capital Expenses; and, appropriate a sum of \$21,424,320 for Municipal Operations and Capital Expenses; and, Levy a Property Tax not to exceed \$39,042,843 which is an increase of 3.3% to the prior year's certified Net Tax Levy and includes a Motor Vehicle Tax Levy not to exceed \$1,300,000 and a Real & Tangible Property Tax Levy not to exceed \$37,762,843, as recommended by the Budget Committee.

**FINANCIAL TOWN REFERENDUM RESOLUTIONS
VOTE TO APPROVE OR REJECT**

BUDGET COMMITTEE RESOLUTIONS

1. **RESOLVED**, that the expense and revenue budgets, both itemized by account, that support the proposal for appropriations and tax levies which receives a majority of votes cast by the Electors at this Financial Town Referendum shall be adopted as the Tiverton General Fund Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021.
2. **RESOLVED**, that all Municipal Capital accounts be restricted for their intended purpose and that no transfers are authorized out of those accounts, except to other Municipal Accounts in a declared state of emergency.
3. **RESOLVED**, that if the Electors at this Financial Town Referendum appropriate a sum for Municipal Operations and Capital Expenses that includes an amount to fund the Revaluation Account, said amount shall be placed in the Restricted Revaluation Reserve Account, to be used solely for the purpose of funding property revaluations. Funds remaining in this restricted account at the end of June 30, 2020 shall be carried over into the same account for fiscal year 2021.
4. **RESOLVED**, that if the Electors at this Financial Town Referendum appropriate a sum for Municipal Operations and Capital Expenses that includes an amount to fund the Elections account, said amount shall be placed in the Restricted Elections Reserve Account, to be used solely for the purpose of funding future elections and Financial Town Referendum budget shortfall and Run-offs if necessary. Funds remaining in this restricted account at the end of June 30, 2020 shall be carried over into the same account for fiscal year 2021.
5. **RESOLVED**, that Account 5540-6794 Paving/Drainage, Curbing and Sidewalks account shall be a restricted account to be used solely for the purpose of paving/drainage, curbing and sidewalks. Funds remaining in this restricted account at the end of June 30, 2020 shall be carried over into the same account for fiscal year 2021.
6. **RESOLVED**, that any unencumbered funds as of June 30, 2020, will be returned to the General Fund, with the exception of Public Works Department unencumbered funds which will be placed in the restricted Paving/Drainage, Curbing and Sidewalks account.
7. **RESOLVED**, to the extent not in conflict with the Budget Proposal approved at this Financial Town Referendum, any and all revenues raised by the Town through the “Pay as You Throw” program in fiscal year 2021 shall be restricted for landfill closure consistent with the prior year. Funds remaining in this restricted account at the end of June 30, 2020 shall be carried over into the same account for fiscal year 2021.