



TOWN OF CANTON

Board of Selectmen Adopted Budget
Fiscal Year 2026/2027

March 16, 2026

TOWN OF CANTON BUDGET GOALS FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027

1. Ensure taxpayers have input in the budget process by utilizing public hearings, Budget Workshops, bi-directional communication through use of the BOS Kitchen Table meeting and during public input at Board of Selectmen meetings.
2. Maintain transparency through various forms of distribution of the budget documents.
3. Maintain current levels of service, improve efficiencies and begin to fund long overdue projects.
4. Historically, prior budgets have pushed CIP projects and building maintenance down the road. We are currently experiencing the effects of the prior year CIP budget cuts and our goal in FY26-27 is to start to rebuild and deal with the shortcomings of prior year budgets.
5. Create and fund Capital Reserves to maintain our vehicles, infrastructure, and Town investments in the long run preventing difficult budget cycles in the future.



Justify current requests versus 3-year historical averages



Follow Bargaining Agreements for salary increases



Requested all departments come in with a budget that follows the current level of inflation at 2.91%



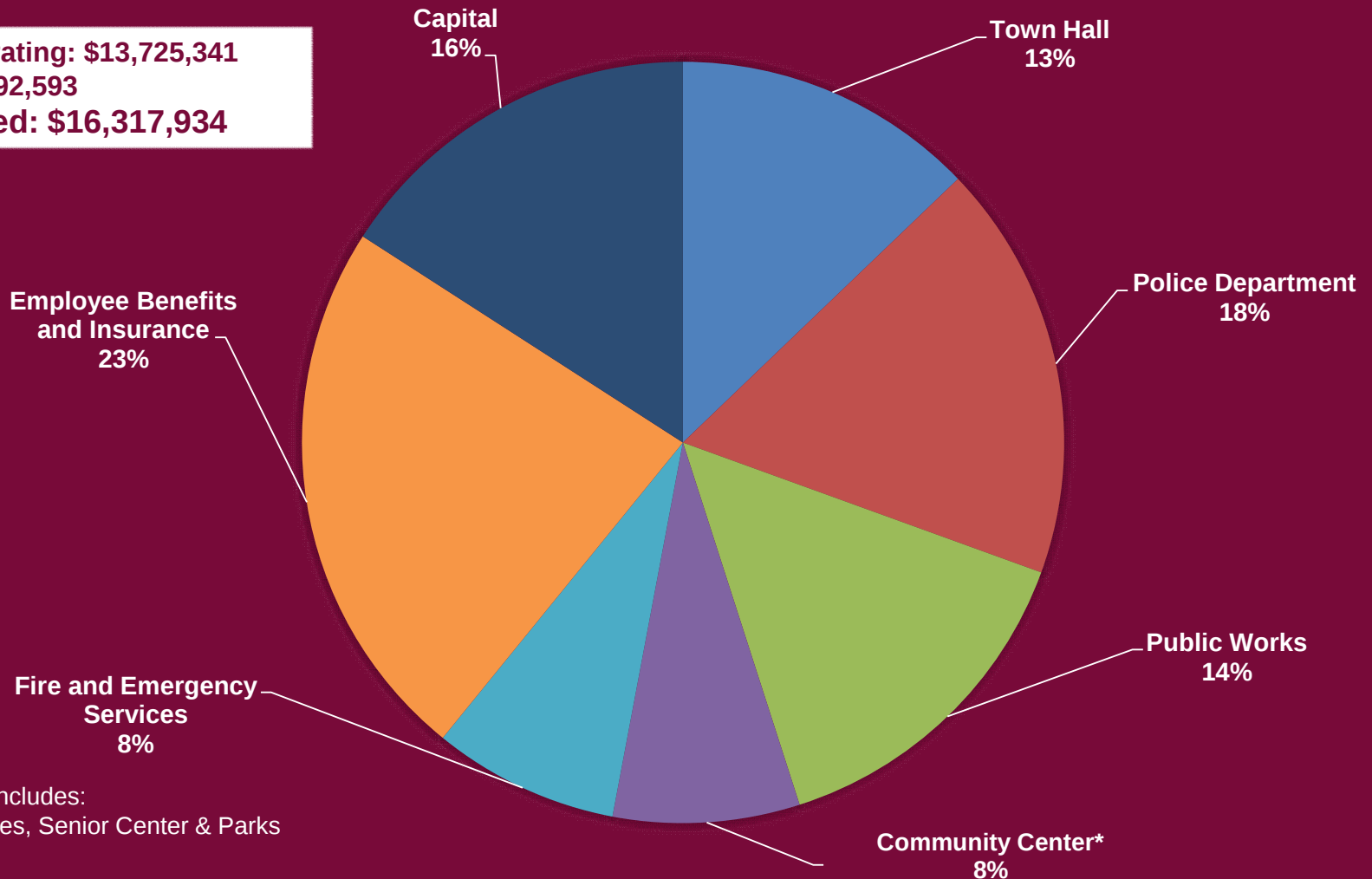
Fund a contingency fund for unexpected payouts and unanticipated expenditures throughout the year.

CAO BUDGET GUIDELINES TO STAFF

TOTAL BOS ADOPTED BUDGET

EXPENDITURES BY MAJOR CATEGORY

Total BOS Operating: \$13,725,341
Total CIP: \$2,592,593
Total Proposed: \$16,317,934



OVERALL PROPOSED INCREASE



The total Town Operating budget is an increase of 4.79% or \$627,986.



The total Capital Improvements budget is an increase of 156% or \$1,581,593.



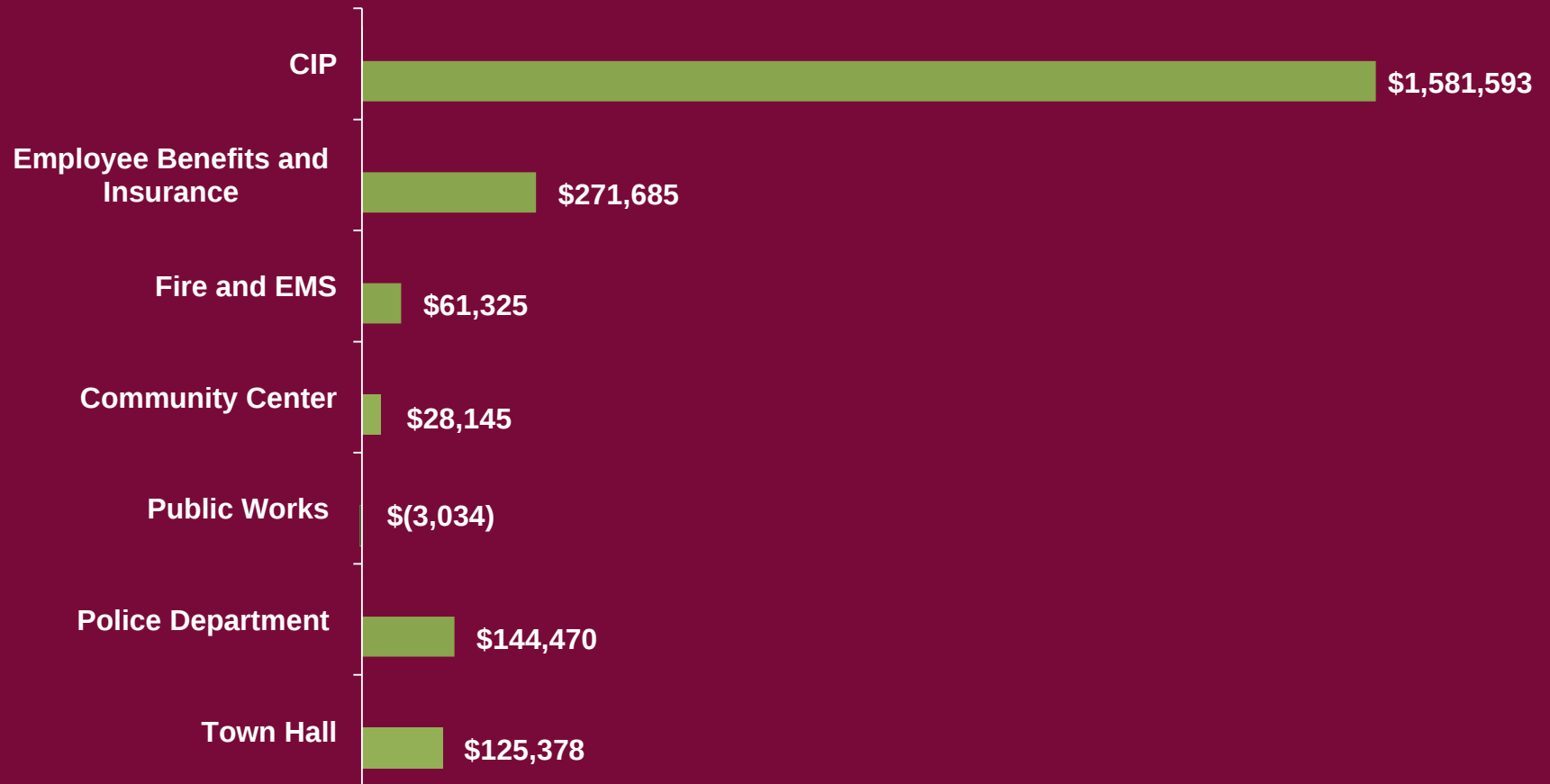
The Board of Selectmen total budget, which includes both operating and CIP is increasing 15.66% to \$16,317,934.

Things to keep in mind:

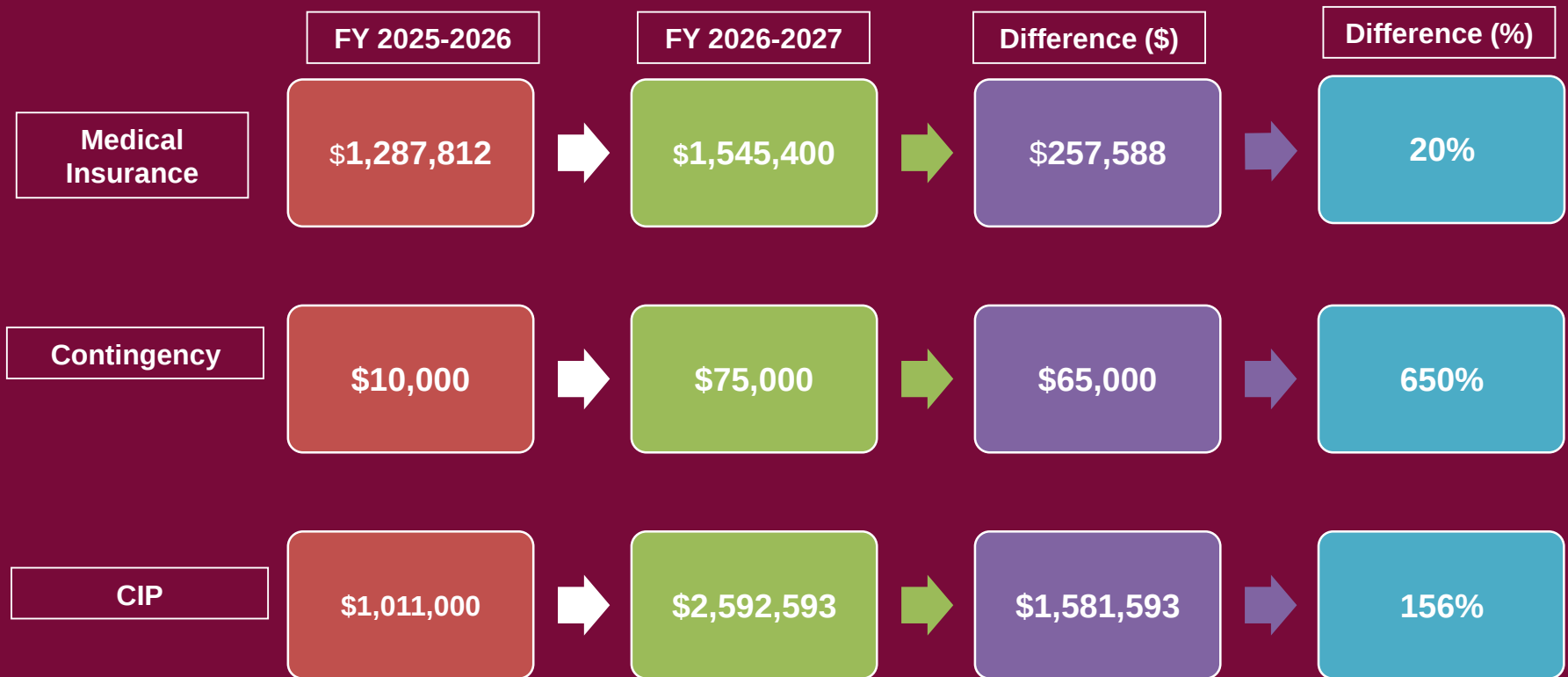
- Historically, the Town of Canton has been underbudgeting and going to fund balance at year end to make up for budgeting shortfalls. This budget was built using historical actuals and is intended to prevent an expenditure deficit.
- The CIP budget was voted upon by members of the Capital Improvement Committee and includes budgeting for **CIP Reserves** which will allow the Town to start saving for the future of our infrastructure and capital assets.

ALLOCATION OF TOTAL INCREASES

\$2,209,562



MAIN BUDGET INCREASE DRIVERS



BOS BUDGET CHANGES VS CAO PROPOSED

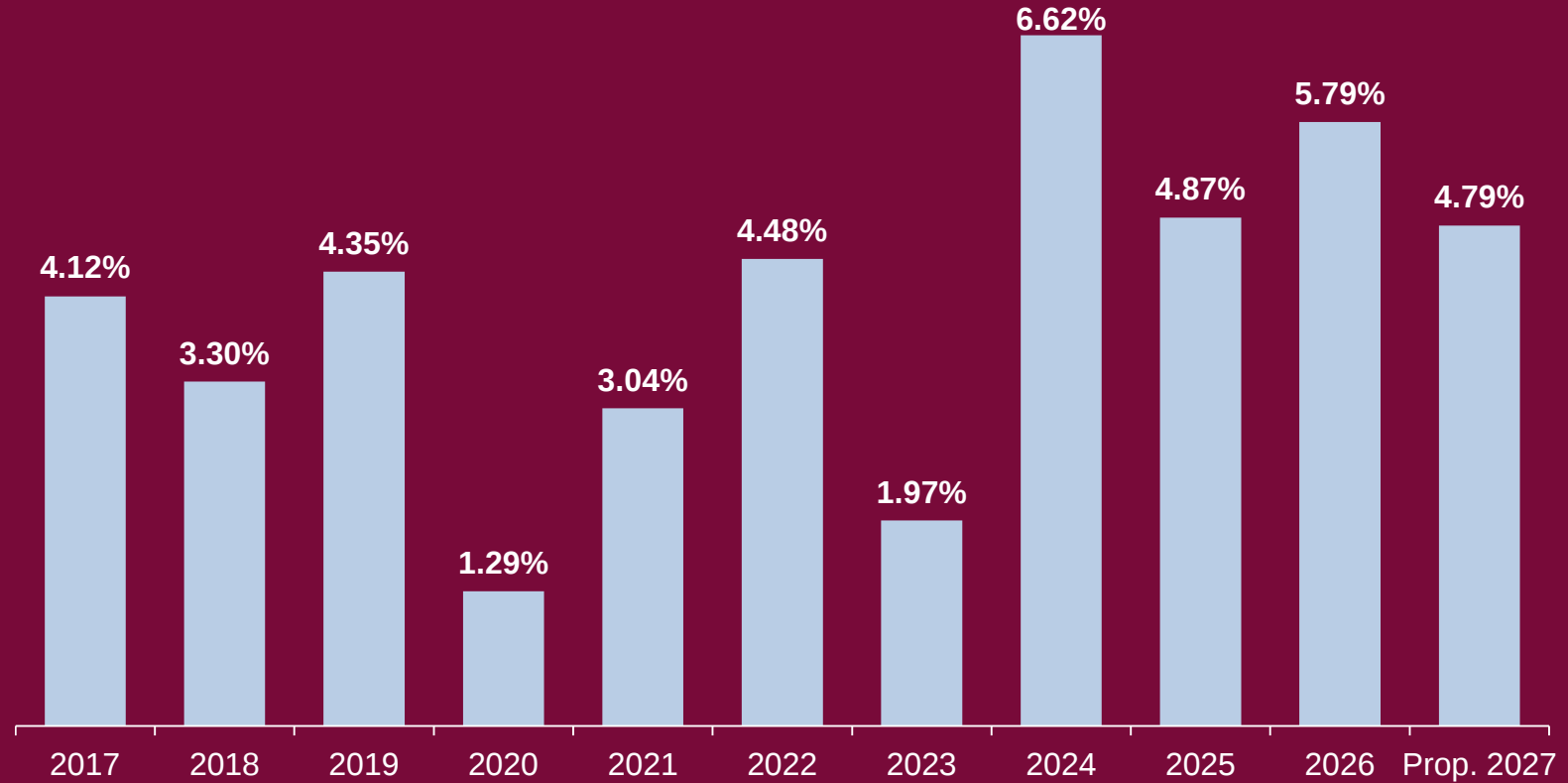
REDUCTIONS

- **Emergency Services:** reduced Town contribution \$4,000 from \$500,000 to \$496,000
- **PD Detective:** Reduced overtime and holiday benefits
- **Small Cap:** Removed Wayfinding and Community Center condenser resulting in a \$44,000 reduction.
- **Fire Services:** small reduction in cell phone line (\$2,500)
- **Elections:** reduced Deputy registrar salaries line \$300 and reduced repairs and maintenance \$1,220
- **Town Counsel:** reduced labor attorney \$1,000

INCREASES

- **Library:** Returned \$17,000 to Publications line and increased electronic services per contract agreement.
- **Tax Assessor:** added \$3,000 to “purchased services” for business audits
- **Town Clerk:** increased part time wages \$20,000 to turn part time position into a full time position.
- **Community Agencies:** added \$1,000 contribution to Canton Historical Museum

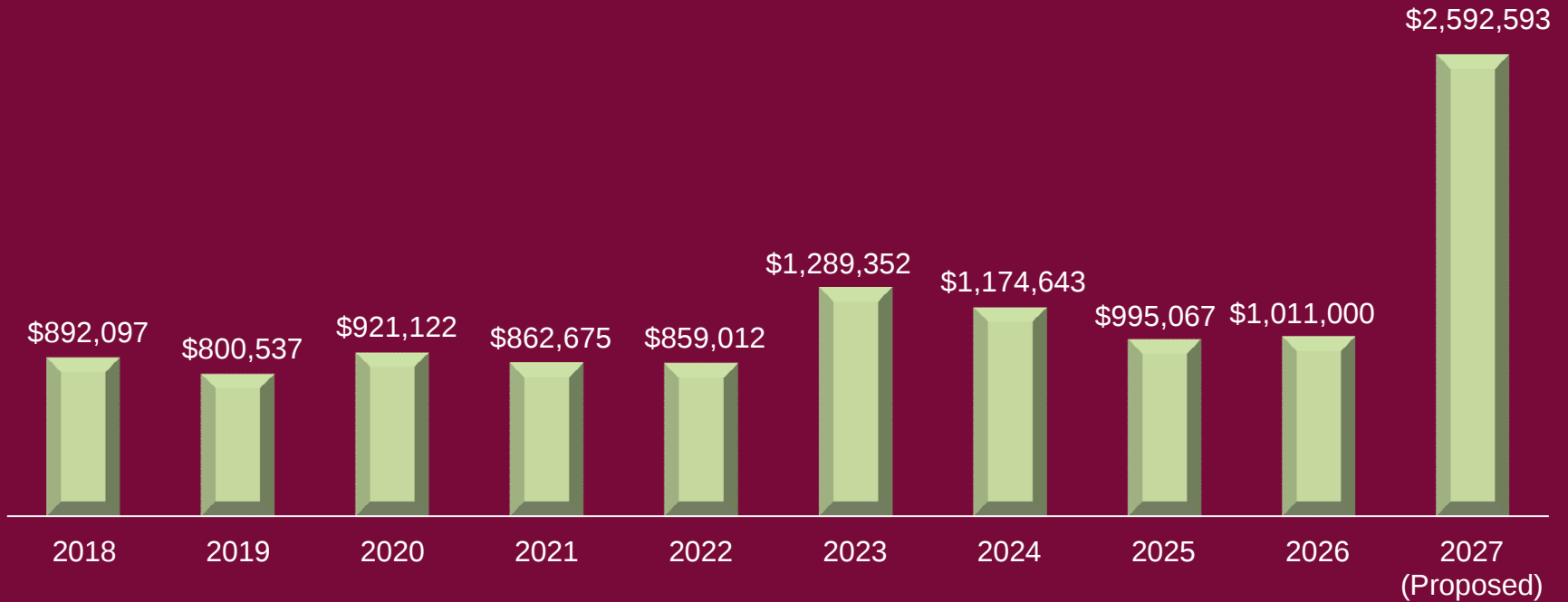
10 year average change
is a 3.98% increase



TOWN OPERATIONS BUDGET INCREASE (EXCLUDES CIP)

CAPITAL BUDGET HISTORY

GENERAL FUND CONTRIBUTION



CIP PROJECTS



TOWN

- PD Boiler replacement - **\$60,000**
- POCD Funding - **\$150,000**
- Land Use Design – grant match - **\$70,000**
- PD Replacement Vehicles - **\$150,000**
- Road Maintenance and Construction - **\$700,000**

Total: \$1,130,000



BOE

- CIS Boiler Replacement - **\$153,000**
- School Wide Public Address System - **\$80,000**
- Multiple Door Replacements - **\$182,943**
- Stadium Netting for Nancy Grace Memorial Field - **\$80,000**
- CBPS Bathroom upgrades - **\$55,000**
- Fitness Room Equipment - **\$26,000**

Total: \$576,943

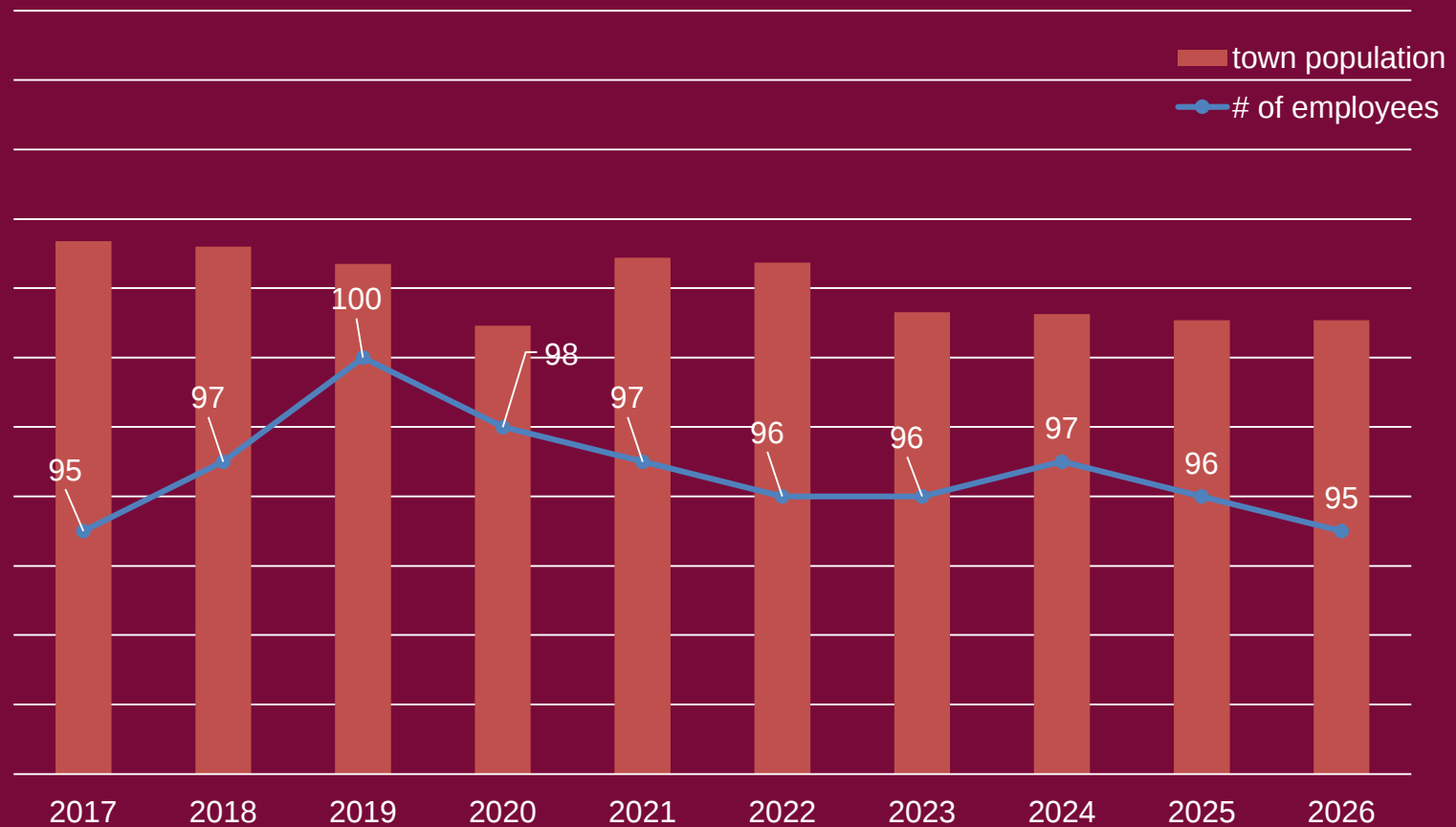


RESERVE

- BOE – Turf and Track Replacement - **\$74,000**
- Public Safety – Ambulance Replacement - **\$100,000**
- Public Safety – Fire Apparatus Replacement - **\$300,000**
- Public Safety – Hose and Ladder Replacement - **\$15,000**
- Land Use – ADA Barrier Removal - **\$46,650**
- Building Maintenance Fund - **\$200,000**
- Public Works – Fleet Replacement Reserve - **\$150,000**

Total: \$885,650

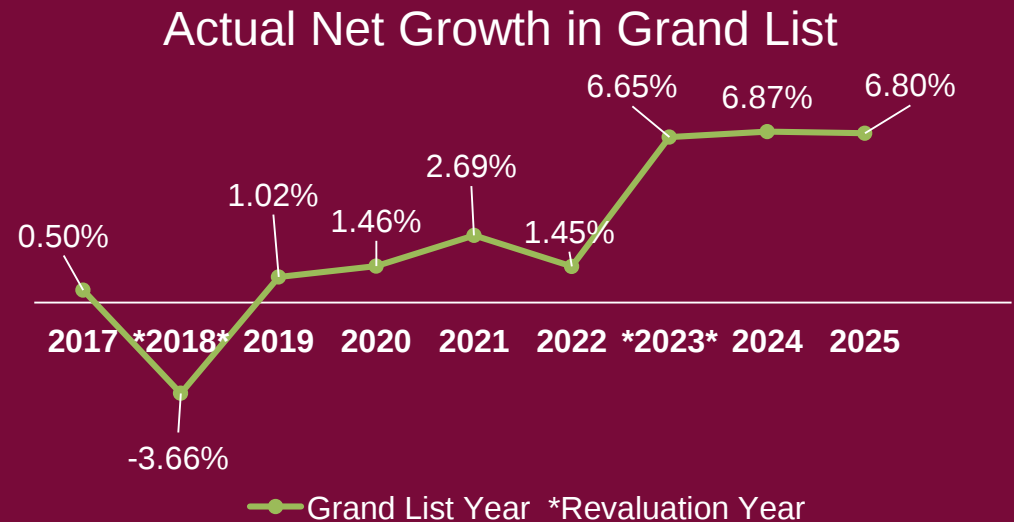
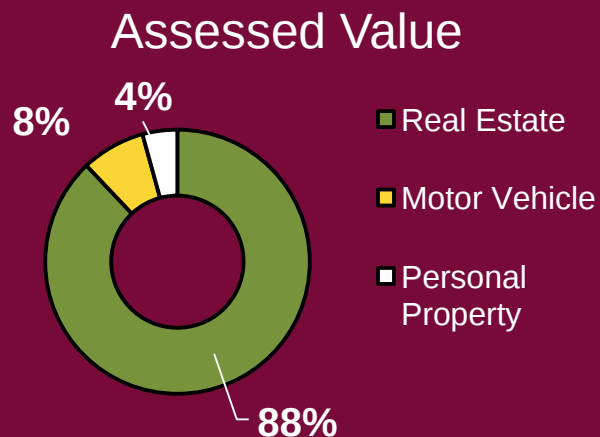
FULL-TIME TOWN EMPLOYEE HISTORY VS TOWN POPULATION



GRAND LIST

- Grand List increased by 6.80%
- The 10/1/25 Grand List is currently valued at \$1,404,902,971.

This is subject to change due to adjustments from the Board of Assessment Appeals and litigation.



TOWN OPERATING BUDGET EFFECT ON MILL RATE

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- Based on the grand list growth shown in the prior slide the effect of the TOWN operating budget would decrease the mill rate from 33.5 to 32.27.
- Overall, a 4.79% budget increase will actually decrease the mill rate. The Town operating budget is not having a negative impact on taxes.

2026-2027 BOARD OF SELECTMEN BUDGET

- https://www.townofcantonct.org/filestorage/19342/20213/65470/Budget_Book_FY_27_rev_Mar_15_-_BOS_Proposal_3.16.26.pdf

IMPORTANT FUTURE DATES

- **March 18, 2026** **BOE Budget Presentation to BOF, 6:00pm**
- **March 23, 2026** **BOF Budget Workshop, 6:00pm**
- **March 23, 2026** **Recommended changes due to BOS/BOE**
- **April 27, 2026** **Public Hearing, Time/Location TBD**
- **May 14, 2026** **BUDGET REFERENDUM, 6 AM – 8 PM
CANTON COMMUNITY CENTER**