



PRESS RELEASE

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May 7, 2013. The Town of Mansfield will hold its annual town meeting for budget consideration on Tuesday, May 14, 2013 at 7:00pm in the Mansfield Middle School Auditorium. The Town Council voted at its April 24th meeting to adopt a General Fund budget of \$45,488,844 (including the Region 19 contribution of \$10,005,514), a Capital Fund budget of \$2,285,290, and a Capital Nonrecurring Fund budget of \$1,194,860. The General Fund budget is proposed to increase by 1%. The two major factors impacting the General Fund budget are a significant projected loss in state revenue of nearly \$1.2 million and an increase in Mansfield's share of student enrollment at Region 19 (E.O. Smith High School). State aid will impact the mill rate necessary to support the Council's Adopted FY 2013/14 General Fund budget, with current estimates ranging from a .65 mill rate increase (2.38%) to a 1.03 mill rate increase (3.81%) or an increase of \$110 to \$175 in taxes.

Residents and property owners should bring a form of identification to the annual meeting to verify their eligibility to vote. A sign language interpreter will be available for citizens who are hearing impaired. Childcare will be available for children ages 5 and older at no charge from 6:45 PM through the end of the meeting. If you are an elector attending Town Meeting and need childcare please contact the Department of Human Services at 860-429-3315. We will not be able to accommodate children who are not pre-registered. Transportation will be provided by Dial-A-Ride to and from the meeting. If you need transportation please contact the Department of Human Services at 860-429-3315 to arrange for a ride.

The proposed budget is available online at www.mansfieldct.gov. Hard copies of the budget are available at various locations, including the Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building, the Mansfield Public Library, the Mansfield Senior Center and the Mansfield Community Center.

The Region 19 Referendum is scheduled for May 7, 2013. All Mansfield districts vote at the Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building. Polls for the Region 19 Referendum are open 6:00am– 8:00pm, May 7th.

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