

Town of Freeport
Proposed Operating
Budget
FY 2025

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Entity	FY 2024 Tax Amount	FY 2025 Projected Tax Amount	Projected Mil Rate Impact	\$ Levy Increase	% Levy Increase
Cumberland County	\$ 1,436,042	\$ 1,442,472	\$ 0.0024	\$ 6,430	0.45%
RSU#5	\$ 21,239,560	\$ 22,692,612	\$ 0.5394	\$ 1,453,052	6.84%
Transit	\$ 89,100	\$ 95,766	\$ 0.0025	\$ 6,666	7.48%
Town of Freeport	\$ 6,629,285	\$ 7,449,095	\$ 0.3043	\$ 819,810	12.37%
Total Tax	\$ 29,393,987	\$ 31,679,945	\$ 0.8486	\$ 2,285,958	7.78%
Mil Rate Impact	0.000848631	\$0.85 per \$1,000 of value			

Budget Expenditures Impact \$1,158,535 Increase

Major Drivers:

- Wages - \$554,000
 - Pay scale step increases
 - Cost of living adjustment
 - Contractual wage changes
 - Position Changes
 - New – Assistant Town Manager
 - Removed – Town Engineer
- Benefits- \$256,000
 - Increase for filled full-time staff positions
 - 2.8% Health Insurance premium increase for 1/1/24.



Budget Expenditures Impact Cont'd...

Major Drivers:

- Paving - \$69,000
 - Increased materials cost and scheduled road work
 - Winter road operations
- Regional Services - \$26,600
 - Dispatch, and ACO services
- Misc - \$80,450
 - Solid Waste Tipping & Hauling Fees, Hydrant Rentals, Website Maintenance, Bustin's Island

Budget Revenues Impact

\$338,725 Increase

Major Drivers:

- Excise Tax Increase \$ 150,000
- Interest Income Increase \$ 175,000
- Revenue Sharing Increase \$ 10,000

Municipal Tax Rate Impact

\$819,810 or 12.37%

FY 2024

\$3.22

**FY 2025
Proposed**

\$3.52

FY2025 Budget Considerations

The following budgetary items are not part of the proposed FY2025 budget, but are listed for your consideration for inclusion:

Budget Considerations List -FY 2025			
Items requested but not included in the FY 2025 Budget			
Department	Consideration	Budget Impact	Mil Rate Impact
Conservation Commission	MCC Assistance	\$ 9,000	\$ 0.003341
Fire/Rescue	Medic Position (Wages & Benefits)	\$ 95,700	\$ 0.035527
Police	Patrol Position (Wages & Benefits)	\$ 114,950	\$ 0.042674
Library	PT Staff	\$ 16,500	\$ 0.006125
Human Services	Oasis Free Clinic	\$ 750	\$ 0.000278
Human Services	Snowmobile Club	\$ 50	\$ 0.000019
Human Services	Meeting House Arts Support	\$ 15,000	\$ 0.005569
Human Services	Freeport High School Scholarship Foundation	\$ 20,000	\$ 0.007425
Human Services	Southern Maine Agency on Aging	\$ 1,000	\$ 0.000371
Human Services	Farmer's Market Support	\$ 1,500	\$ 0.000557
Human Services	Kennebec Behavioral Health/Northn Light Health/Lifeflight	\$ 3,060	\$ 0.001136
Human Services	Chamber Dues	\$ (2,500)	\$ (0.000928)
Human Services	Senior Property Tax Relief	\$ 150,000	\$ 0.055685
Total Budget Considerations		\$ 425,010	\$ 0.157779

FREEPORT TOWN COUNCIL FY 2025 OPERATING BUDGET SCHEDULE

May 7 Council Workshop & Workshop with Outside Agencies

May 8 Public Information Sessions

7:30am-8:30am – Council Chambers

May 21 Council Workshop

June 4 Public Hearing on Operating Budget

Regular Council Meeting

June 18 Target Date for Budget Adoption

Regular Council Meeting

