

## **Long Term Financial Forecasting Grant Objectives**

The Town has recently received an \$18,000 grant through the Governor's Community Compact Program that encourages Town's to adopt Best Practices for Local Government. The Board of Selectmen chose to adopt and commit to Long Term Financial Forecasting as one of the best practices.

The Town does not have a financial forecast to use as a tool to develop a financial plan. In an effort to sustain a strong financial position, the Town is asking the Abrahams Group to conduct a financial review of the Town's assumptions and amounts supporting its revenue sources and expenditure projections. Thus, the objectives of this project are to:

- Review the Town's financial and reserve policies.
- Review the Town's financial position and certifications at June 30, 2015.
- Review the assumptions and amounts for the FY 2017 general fund revenue and expenditure budgets.
- Review the assumptions and amounts for the FY 2017 preliminary net school spending amounts and Chapter 70 distributions.
- Develop a ten-year (FY 2018 – FY 2027) general fund financial projection for the Town.

The Consultant will work with the Town's Finance Committee, Town Administrator, and School Business Manager to understand current and past finances and to develop assumptions going forward.

General fund revenues to be analyzed include:

- Property Taxes
- State Aid
- Local Receipts
- Other Available Funds

General fund expenditures to be analyzed include:

- Departmental
- Debt service
- Insurances
- Overlay
- State and county charges
- Snow and ice

The project will be completed in time to be implemented for the upcoming budgeting cycle.