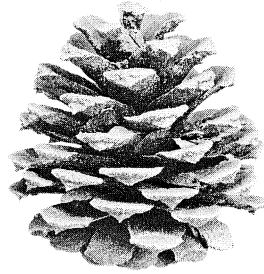


Town of Cornwall



August 17, 2017

Secretary Benjamin Barnes
State of Connecticut
Office of Policy and Management
450 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Secretary Barnes,

Below is the information you requested regarding FY '17 Estimated General Fund balance and FY'18 Projected General Fund balance.

	Total Fund Balance	Unassigned Fund Balance Per GASB 54
FY 17 Estimated	2,232,272	1,747,191
FY 18 Projected	2,032,272	1,547,191

Supplemental information requested;

- 1) The State budget impasse has a very negative impact our local process.
- 2) Regional School District #1 (of which Cornwall belongs) has the highest per pupil cost in the state and each budget cycle is fraught with efforts to balance the need for a quality public education, declining enrollment and diminished state funding with a reasonable tax assessment on our citizens.
- 3) Cornwall passed a budget in May based on the best guess of what the state would fund. Any substantial change in state municipal aid will compel the town to raise property taxes.
- 4) In 1989 (Tornado) and again in 2011 (bridge loss due to large storm) natural disasters encumbered large amounts of our Unassigned Fund Balance. Cornwall endeavors to keep the unassigned fund balance at a useful level to address unforeseen circumstances.

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