



Southampton Town Budget Message 2018

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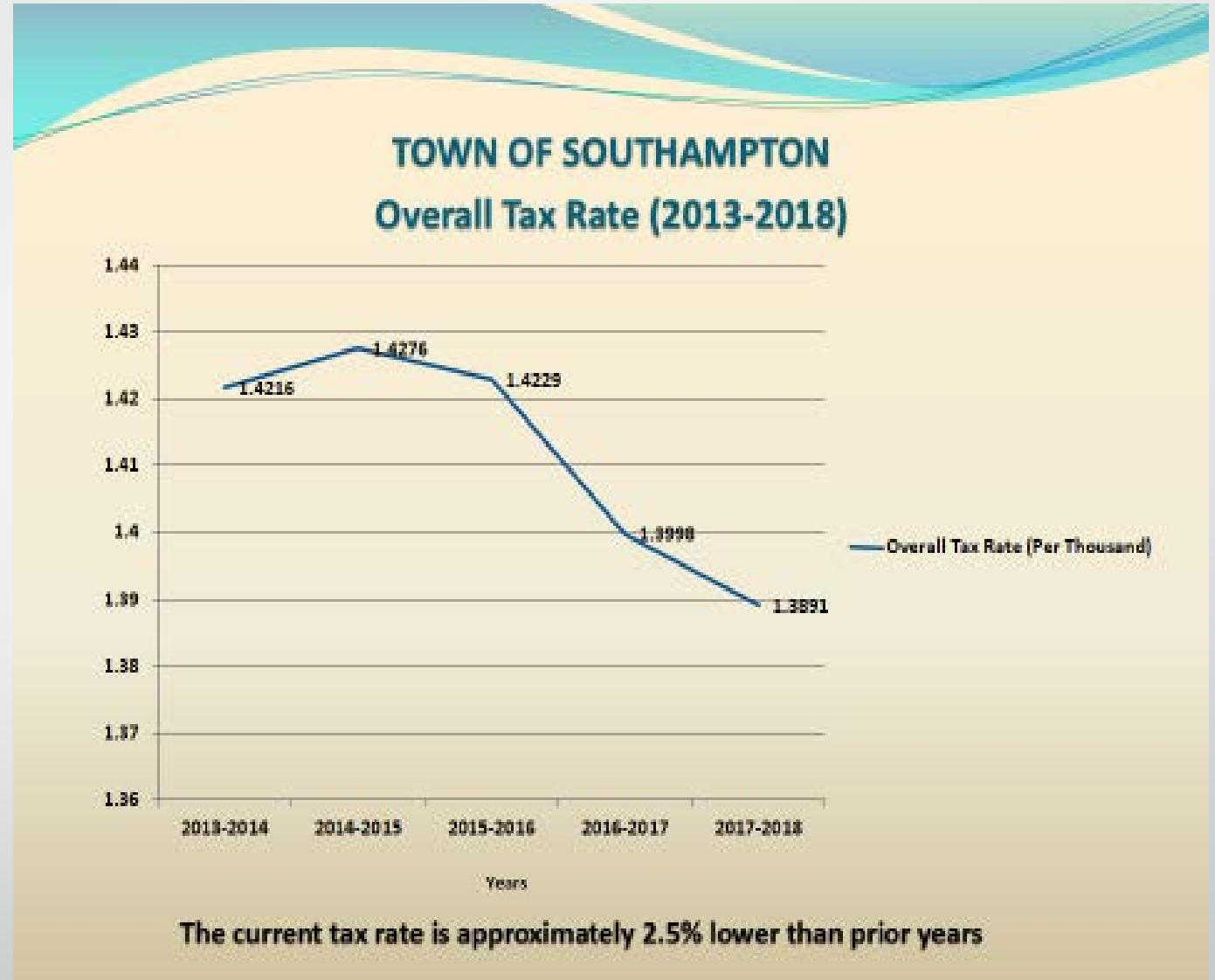


2018 Budget Priorities

1. Sustaining operational levels
2. Strengthening our ability to address environmental and public safety issues
3. Supporting the efforts to improve and to strengthen Town infrastructure

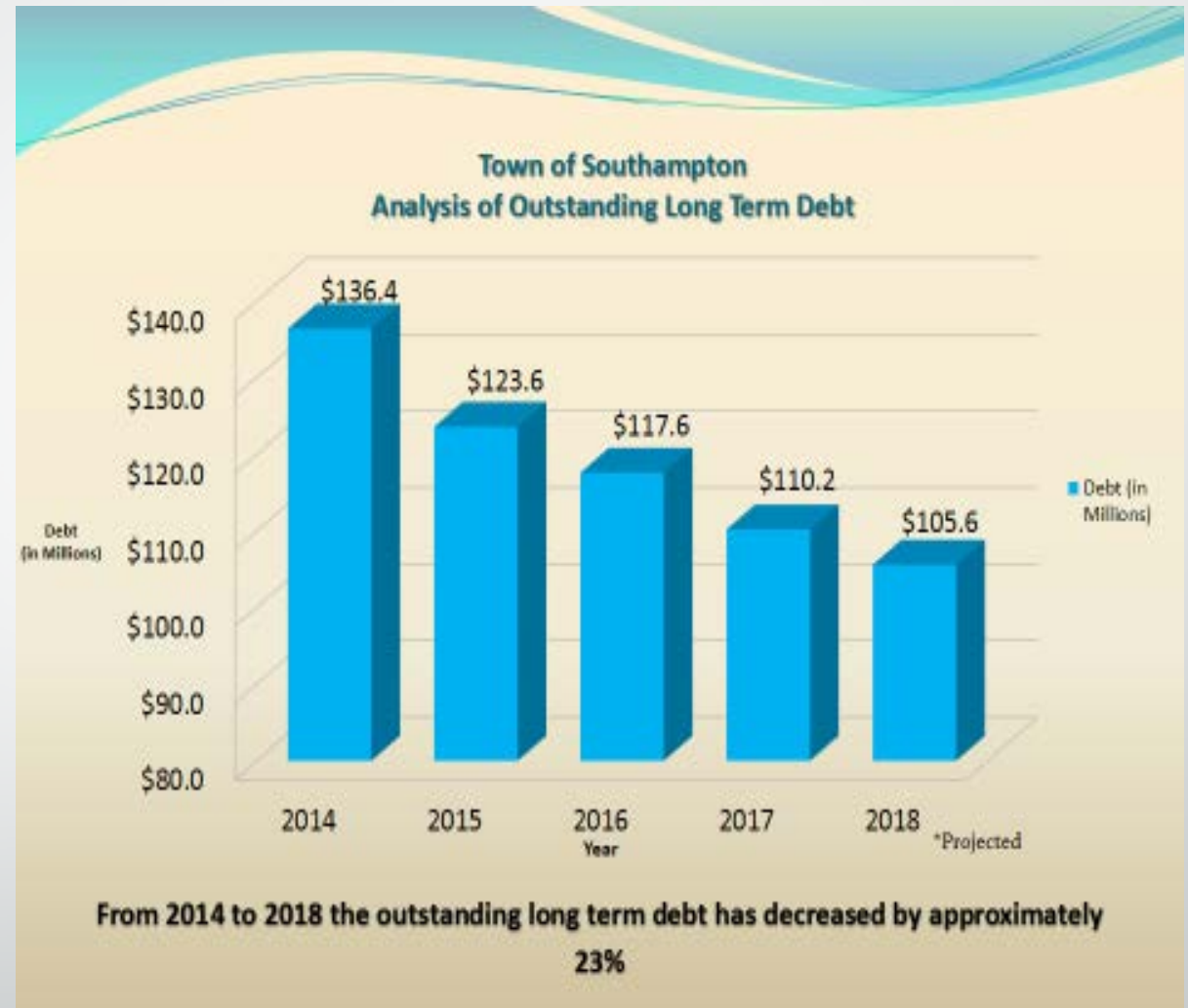
Tax Rate Reduction

“The 2018 Budget will for the second year reduce the tax rate. In this case, a rate reduction of approximately 1%.”



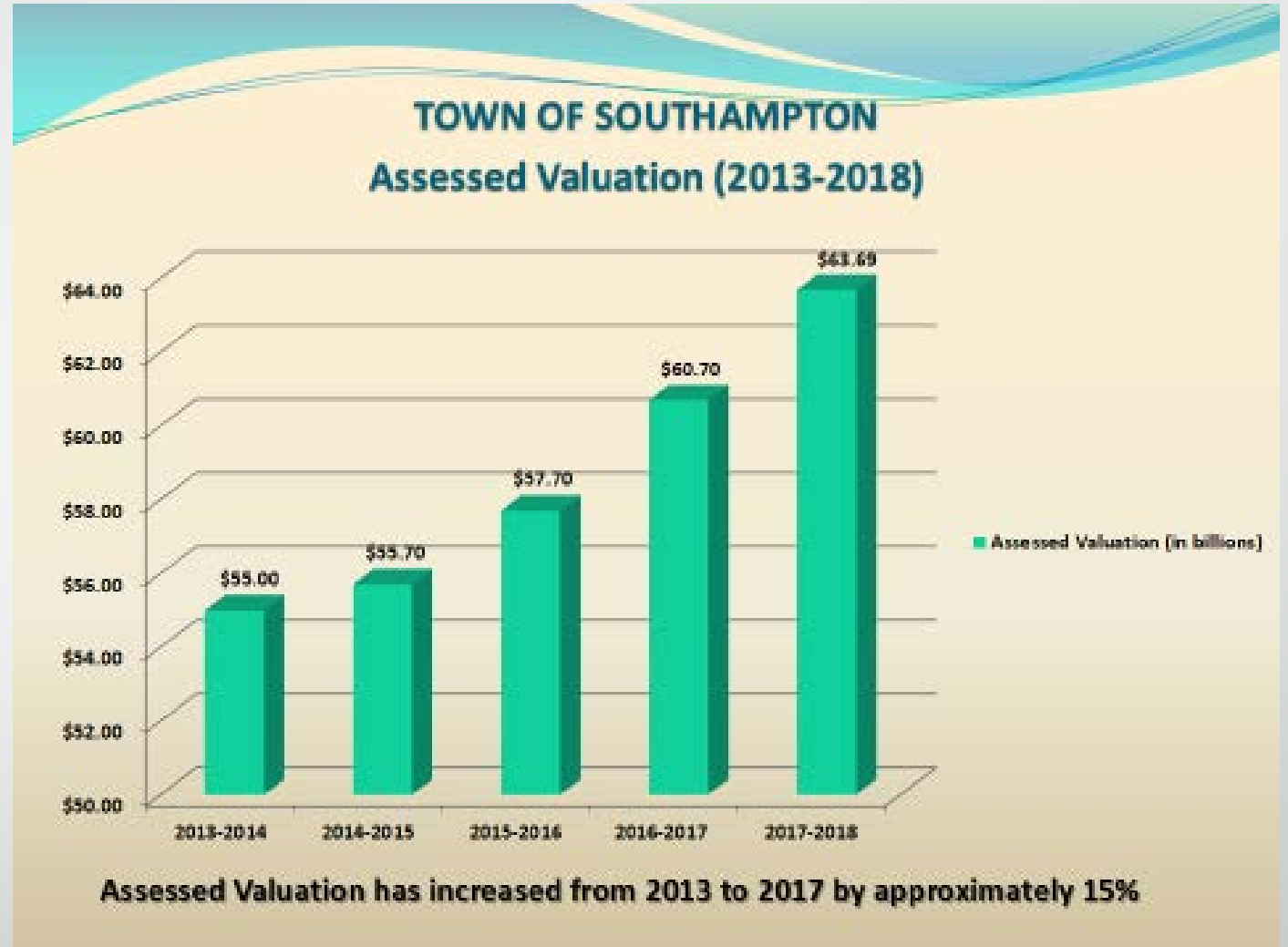
Debt Reduction

“... an approximately \$5 million debt reduction.”



Sustained Growth

“ ...this year for the first time in over 15 years, the total valuation has increased across all school districts within the town, a very strong economic indicator. ”



2018 Operational Budget includes



- ✓ Funding for all current programs
- ✓ Support for contractual and promotional increases
- ✓ Increases in funding for Parks Maintenance
- ✓ Increases in funding for SYS capital improvements
- ✓ Approximately \$1 million in Pay As You Go Funds
- ✓ One additional full time code enforcement officer

2018 Capital Budget includes funding for




- Ponquogue Beach Pavilion Upgrade
- Town Hall HVAC
- Roads and Road Improvements
- Improvements at Jackson Avenue Facilities
- Old Ponquogue Bridge Improvements
- Police Communications and Dispatch Upgrades
- IT Infrastructure and Video Security
- Trustee bulkhead projects
- Improvements to Shinnecock Commercial Dock
- Road and Safety Improvements in Bridgehampton
- Parks Facilities Improvement Projects

Positive Indicators



- Maintained Triple A Rating
- Property Values increase across all school districts
- Accounted for Cost to Continue Increases while reducing tax rate 1%
- Consecutive Tax Rate Reductions
- Major Crimes down 13 % Town Wide
- Notices of Code Violations up 19%
- Maintained Healthy Fund Balance
- Debt Reduced by \$5 million
- Town Staffing Stabilized



In Summary The 2018 Tentative Budget

- Sustains the operational levels across all departments,
- Continues to strengthen our ability to successfully address both environmental and public safety issues, and
- Supports the ongoing efforts to improve and to strengthen vital Town infrastructure including the Town's technology systems.



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you

The comptroller, Len Marchese and his staff

Department and division heads for their input and expertise

Look forward to the input from my colleagues on the Board