



TOWN OF GLOCESTER

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR GLOCESTER VOTERS FINANCIAL TOWN REFERENDUM FY BUDGET 2017/2018

To Gloucester Voters:

Over the past several months your Town Council, Department heads and Budget Committee members have worked very hard to develop a fiscally responsible budget.

As a result, we have identified savings that will allow us to reduce the amount to be raised by taxes for next year as compared to the current year.

We are asking for your support and approval on the referendum questions. If you are a registered voter, you can vote on:

**May 16, 2017 from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Gloucester Senior Center,
1210 Putnam Pike.**

To further explain question # 1 on the referendum and the importance of voting to approve it:

Question #1 is for the entire operating budget. This is a yes or no vote. In the 2017-2018 budget there is a reduction of \$131,885 in the proposed amount to be raised by taxes. A yes vote will result in this reduction. A no vote will erase this reduction because by charter if a budget is turned down we would have to use the current year's budget. It is also important to note that the recent revaluation will have no effect on the budget recommendation and overall amount to be raised by taxes.

Thank you for your participation in our budget process.

Gloucester Town Council

By Jean M. Fecteau CMC, Town Clerk