



# TOWN OF ELLINGTON

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**TO:** Boards, Agencies and Departments  
**From:** Robert Clements, Chairman – Board of Finance  
**Date:** January 6, 2014  
**RE:** Budget Guidelines for Fiscal Year 2014-2015

It's budget time again and the outlook is no better this year than it has been the last few years. It is not pleasant, each year, to advise each department to submit minimum subsistence budgets. But until our State's economy gets better and the State decides to treat Ellington fairer than it has in the recent past, we will be stuck with minimum increased budgets.

We recognize that we cannot ignore the fact that the town is growing and some expenditures must be made for the safety and well being of the citizens and children of Ellington.

We have seen a gradual increase in the grand list in recent years, and by refunding our existing bond issues without extending the maturity dates has resulted in saving the town substantial amounts of money.

We also would like to extend our sincere gratitude and congratulations to all the various budget department heads that have done a great job in submitting responsible budgets and for getting maximum utility from the funds they were appropriated. We ask that each department continue to attempt to submit a zero increase budget, not counting increases in the cost of contracted services already agreed upon.

We will do our best to meet the needs of the town by prioritizing all budget requests.

For the purpose of estimating fuel cost budgets, the following numbers should be used.

Diesel Fuel	\$3.21
Gasoline	\$3.05
Heating Oil	\$3.12

The target for Capital improvements is again \$1,252,000. Projects which can be accomplished within the budget year will be given priority.

The Board of Finance looks forward to a smooth and uneventful budget season.