

Reasons for Increasing or Exceed Limit

Appleton	Increase	Increase in municipal appropriation and decrease in use of surplus funds.
Aurora	Increase	Taxes committed to road improvements, marginal surplus to draw from.
Bangor	Increase	GA double whammy. First, the municipal cost of the GA program is increasing dramatically. Second, increased local cost generates increased state funding, which subsequently reduces the LD 1 limited commitment.
Bar Harbor	Increase	Bar Harbor voted to increase the tax cap for two reasons. First, in FY 05, the Town Meeting approved a bond issue to replace a collapsed sea wall near the Town Pier. The first bond payments are due in FY 06, so this puts us \$56,000 over the cap. Second, this spring the Town Meeting chose to raise \$40,000 more than recommended by the Town Council to help fund the local YMCA.
Beaver Cove	Increase	Funds for new needed town facilities.
Bethel	Increase	Needed increase to fund essential parts of the budget. Made as many cuts to budget as feasible.
Biddeford	Increase	Energy costs, insurance costs and infrastructure condition.
Buckfield	Increase	Inflation, capital projects and debt service.
Calais	Increase	Debt service.
Camden	Increase	Reduction in municipal revenue sharing, debt service, and voters approved spending above the recommended level for the Camden Snow Bowl.
Danforth	Increase	Insurance and salary increases.
Dexter	Increase	Capital projects could not be postponed.
Dresden	Increase	Increases in FICA, salaries, town roads and new fire truck.
Dover-Foxcroft	Increase	Special projects borrowing - debt payments.
Ellsworth	Increase	Just in case.
Fort Fairfield	Increase	Drivers of increase - heating oil, fuel, paving, fire protection, capital reserves and reduction in misc. income.
Georgetown	Increase	Cost of insurance, solid waste disposal and new snow plowing contract. Also, establishing reserve funds for town office computers and building maintenance.
Glenburn	Increase	Fund necessary programs as determined by the voters.
Gorham	Increase	Result of the new voter approved debt service for the renovation of the old Shaw school into a community/municipal center.

Appendix C

Hope	Increase	Used \$147,000 in surplus funds to lower municipal commitment in FY 05.
Kennebunk	Increase	Costs of benefits and contractual obligations reason for increase. Protect against inability of LD 1's cap calculation to allow for normal increases in operating capital in rapidly growing community.
Linneus	Increase	Increase in winter road maintenance contract.
Litchfield	Increase	Debt service due that was approved in FY 05 budget; grant match for MDOT project = large, one time amount.
Livermore Falls	Increase	Cover town meeting appropriations.
Madawaska	Increase	MDOT project of \$150,000.
Machias	Increase	Debt services increase due to necessary infrastructure costs and equipment needs.
Mariaville	Increase	FY 2005 several budget items normally funded by taxation were awarded by town meeting to be funded from surplus.
Mexico	Increase	Past budgeting practices inadvertently skewed the base municipal commitment amount substantially less than the actual commitment.
Mount Vernon	Increase	We wanted to avoid a special town meeting in case there were changes adopted by the Legislature after our Town Meeting. Also, an error in calculations was made during Town Meeting.
Norway	Increase	It was voted at town meeting to raise money above the recommendations of the town manager, selectmen and budget committee.
Phippsburg	Increase	Reduction in Revenue Sharing, funding of road capital account instead of using surplus, rebuilding town road, replace funds in the winter account.
Readfield	Increase	Road issue.
Richmond	Increase	Major increase in the cost of road salt, heating oil, gasoline, insurances and electricity.
Sanford	Increase	Primarily due to new debt service and the decrease in the amount of surplus used to offset the tax rate - total approximately \$600,000.
Sumner	Increase	Increased contracted costs; increased office hours/increased salaries and benefits.
Sullivan	Increase	New administrator salary and funds to acquire additional cemetery land. Also, town had to cut its budget three year in a row and found we could not do so again.
Topsfield	Increase	With a zero limit and having already drained surplus and other accounts over the past few years, we were left with no choice.
West Bath	Increase	Needed to make up surplus. Excise was used to reduce commitment in 2004, but not available for that purpose in 2005.
York	Increase	Capital requests, new position, lower funding from fund balance.