



# County of Cheshire

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March 14, 2023

Dear Members of the Delegation:

During the months of January and February the Executive Committee of the Delegation met to review the Commissioners' proposed 2023 budget. The Commissioners proposed a total 2023 budget of \$70,512,516. This figure represented a decrease in the overall budget of \$3,627,246 from 2022. The major decrease was due to reduced use of American Rescue Plan Funds for one-time expenses and capital projects. Taxes to be raised were proposed at \$29,630,161. This figure was an increase in taxes to be raised of \$536,790 from 2022 to which the Executive Committee made additional changes.

With diligent work and cooperation of the Commissioners, County Administrator and the County Department Heads and with the knowledge that the 22 towns and the city of Keene are still recovering from the challenges brought forth by the COVID Pandemic, The Executive Committee is bringing forth a budget that has reduced the original tax increase of 1.85% to 0% taxes to be raised over the 2023 budget. After months of working with leadership of the County and Commissioners to review the proposed budget, we are pleased with the budget we are presenting.

With the adjustments made, the Executive Committee budget is \$76,532,721 with taxes to be raised of \$29,093,371. This represents a 0% increase in taxes to be raised.

Once the budget for 2023 is approved by the full Cheshire County Delegation, the County then follows State of New Hampshire statutes and sends the approved 2023 budget numbers to the NH Department of Revenue Administration, where the DRA will formulate the portion of taxes to be raised for each of the 22 towns and the City of Keene based on tax model that includes current or new valuations and assessments.

There will be a Delegation meeting on Monday March 20, 2023 at 7:00pm at 12 Court Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor County Hall at which time we will be asking for the Delegation to approve this budget.

Zoom Call-in Number 1-646-558-8656  
Meeting ID: 409 748 8803  
Pin# 6031233

I would like to thank the Commissioners, County staff, elected officials, and my fellow State Representatives for their insight, guidance and diligence in finalizing the Executive Committee budget.

Sincerely,  
Rep. Barry Faulkner, Chair Cheshire County Executive Committee

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