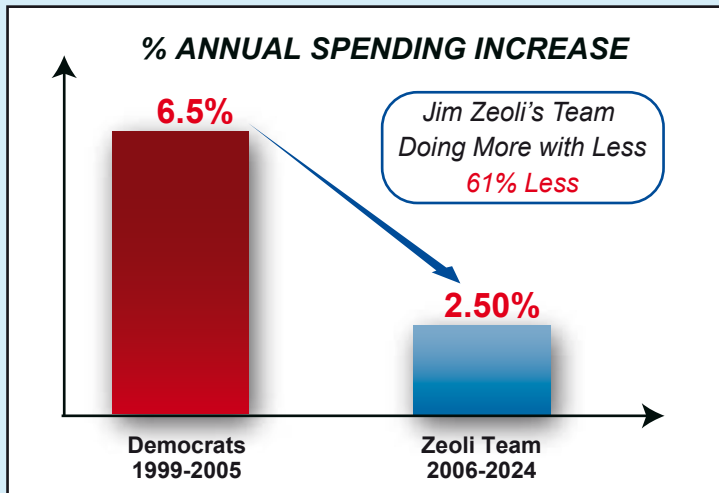


SPENDING AND YOUR TAXES

Democrats are once again proposing increased spending that is wasteful. In past years they called for spending down our rainy day fund. Now they propose spending on a new economic development director, a position that would be redundant; expensive, unneeded changes to the town's website; and rushing to borrow \$750,000 for a project that has been started without borrowing.

Even small spending increases that build up year after year can have a significant long-term impact on taxes over time.



During the last Democratic administration, spending increases averaged 6.5% per year.

Under Jim Zeoli, average spending increased 2.50% per year from 2006 - 2024.*

* Data from Town records; analysis completed by Republican OBOF members

DESPITE HEADWINDS CAUSED BY INFLATION AND STATE-MANDATED REVALUATION, JIM ZEOLI'S TEAM HAS KEPT SPENDING AND TAXES UNDER CONTROL.

- Fiscal policies implemented by Jim Zeoli's administration have maintained our S&P rating of AAA.
- Using conservative budgeting practices and spending controls, \$1,258,286 was cut from our current budget on Town Operations Expenditures.
- 56% of increase in town side expense is driven by employee benefits.
- Over 61% of the Orange budget supports our excellent schools, both Orange Elementary and Amity Regional.

Economic Development plays a major role in the mitigation of your tax burden. In addition to property tax, businesses also pay tax on equipment and vehicles.

Business Personal Property Tax Revenue

