

**TOWN SOLICITOR**

The Council appoints the Town Solicitor for a term of office concurrent with that of the Council. The Charter requires that the Solicitor be an attorney at law in good standing that is admitted to practice law in Rhode Island. The Solicitor is the attorney for the Town and legal advisor to the Council, Manager, and all other officers, departments and agencies of the Town.

Currently the Council has appointed A. Lauriston Parks as Town Solicitor to represent the Town in all matters other than for labor relations and police prosecutions. The law firm of Powers, Kinder & Keeney, Inc. has been appointed to represent the Town for labor relations and Attorney Daniel Kinder has been appointed Town Solicitor for labor relations. The law firm of Hanson Curran has been appointed to represent the Town for police prosecutions.

Legal services falling under the general categories of police prosecutions, land use matters, tax assessment and collection, general pending litigation and Town Council matters are billed at on a yearly retainer rate on a monthly basis. Legal services for labor relations are billed on an hourly rate on a monthly basis.

	<b>Expenditures Last Yr 99-00</b>	<b>Expenditures thru 6/30/01 preclose 00-01</b>	<b>Adopted Budget Curr Yr 00-01</b>	<b>Final Budget Next Yr 01-02</b>	<b>Budget Increase Decrease</b>	<b>Percent Changed Curr/Next</b>	<b>Projected Budget Following Yr 2002-2003</b>
<b>Town Solicitor</b>							
<b>Services</b>	<u>\$191,780</u>	<u>\$432,162</u>	<u>\$201,000</u>	<u>\$206,000</u>	<u>\$5,000</u>	<u>2.49%</u>	<u>\$210,000</u>
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An increase of \$5,000 has been proposed to cover anticipated Bond Counsel services. No change has been proposed in funding requirements for the Town's legal services.