

The information contained in this report is intended to inform the Select Board, staff, and residents, some of the current activities taking place within the manager's office or the Town in general. All topics are open for discussion.

ACO - As you are aware on April 7, 2017, the Town was notified that Cumberland's Animal Control Officer, had resigned. The Town contracted with Cumberland, Falmouth, and Yarmouth for ACO services. Cumberland and Falmouth have decided to opt out of entering into another joint service contract at this time. I am currently working with the Town Manager in Yarmouth on a shared ACO service contract between our two towns. I will keep the Board posted on our findings.

Homestead Exemption - The legislature has voted to continue the Homestead Exemption for all qualified taxpayers increasing the amount of exemption amount from \$15,000 to \$20,000, and increasing the reimbursement to municipalities from 50% to 62.5%.

Tax Mil Rate - The proposed mil rate at the beginning of the Annual Town Meeting was \$18.62 per thousand. After factoring in the adjustments voted on during the meeting the rate increased by .02¢ or \$18.64 per thousand. Projections with the newly approved Homestead reimbursement brings the mil rate to an estimated \$18.56 per thousand.

Senior Tax Assistance - Applications to apply for the senior tax credit are now available online and at the town office. Completed applications are due by June 30, 2017.

Engine 52 - Summary: Engine 52 was recently evaluated by Emergency One due to corrosion issues. The costs to repair the corrosion and painting virtually half of the apparatus is an approximate \$8,000. These expenses will be covered under the vehicle warranty. The Town has the opportunity to repair other standing damage and more so paint the entire apparatus red, therefore, increasing its retail/trade-in value. It would be a sound investment for the Town at the cost of \$11,000. Unless the Select Board objects \$9,000 for this expense will be covered by the PWD/FRD Reserve and \$2,000 from the FRD budget. Included in this report is a detailed report from Fire Rescue Chief Payson regarding this request. Chief Payson will be in attendance at this meeting and will answer any questions the Select Board may have.

Reminders - Nominations Papers are still available and need to be returned to the Town Office by the end of this month. Clean Up Day will be Saturday, June 3rd. There will be a Public Hearing on the FY18 education budget, April 24th, at 7 pm in the high school library.

Respectfully,

Rosemary

Rosemary E. Roy, Town Manager