

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.

**FY18 Tax Commitment** - The tax commitment is complete, and invoices were mailed out on September 1<sup>st</sup>. As you will learn through tonight's discussion with the Town Assessor Bob Konzal, a town wide increase in property valuation of 10% has provided for a lower the mil rate for FY18. Going from the 17.52 to 16.27 per thousand. The Annual Town Meeting projection was an increase in the mil rate from 17.52 to 18.24. Overall a savings of 1.97 per thousand.

Part of contracting with an assessing firm is to ensure that this type of analysis is being conducted and applied on a regular basis this then avoids the need for a revaluation of the town which can be costly and have a negative impact. I am pleased with the results of this year's assessment and tax commitment. Some residents will see an increase but not nearly as high as what was projected last April, and some will see a reduction all, of course, relevant to the taxpayer's own situation.

**Senior Tax Assistance Program:** Forty-nine (49) applications were received, and forty-seven (47) applications were approved and processed for FY18.

**Parks & Recreation Committee:** Prior to going on vacation I had a discussion with two representatives from the committee regarding the maintenance and oversight of the Town Forest. They explained to me that the area is in need of some cleanup and trail maintenance and is also a part of committee's connectivity plans for town parks. Chairman Lacy and I explored the issue, and upon reviewing the language in both the Town Charter and Parks & Recreation Rules and Regulations Ordinance, the committee does have a clear direction and responsibility for the care of the Town parks which includes Town Forests. I have conveyed this information to the Ken Filiter, chair of the committee and had asked that he submit any plans and expenses to my office prior to taking action.

The committee has additionally requested that they would like to see the Charter amended in April to increase the number of members on the Parks & Recreation Committee from five (5) to seven (7).

**Town Office:** The carpets have been clean by ServPro, and some internal relocation of offices and other items have taken place.

**Action Item:** Request to appoint regular member Patrick Gilligan to the Comprehensive Plan Committee.

**Committee Meeting Schedule with Select Board:** I am looking for a consensus to implement the plan for FY18 (copy of schedule follows this report.)

Respectfully,

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