Town of Ayer

Treasurer/Tax Collectors Office

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Date: July 20, 2022

To: Robert Pontbriand, Town Manager

From: Barbara Tierney, Treasurer/Tax Collector/

Re: Report of activities during June 2022

We are preparing to mail motor vehicle excise tax demand bills for 2022 commitment 2, and next collection steps for 2021 commitment 6 and 2022 commitment 1.

Fiscal 2023 real estate and personal property, first and second quarter, tax bills were mailed June 29, 2022.

We have begun the process of uploading demand bills to enable online payments. So far it has helped with call volume.

Michelle Bishara continues to train as the back- up for payroll processing.

The intent to advertise letters have been prepared in anticipation of an August 26,2022 mail date. Residents will have 2 weeks to pay their delinquent balances, before the tax taking process begins.

The volume of information requests for Real Estate taxes and Municipal Lien Certificates has leveled out.

On June 21, 2022, I held an auction for 3 small properties. The properties were foreclosed through the Land of Low Value process. This process requires the town, to attempt to sell them, by public auction up to two times. If any property remains unsold after the second auction, it becomes town owned.

The auction was a success with all three selling as follows. Winthrop Avenue sold for \$900.00; Groton School Road for \$9,500.00, and Snake Hill Rd for \$1,600.00. The closings are required to be within 30 days from the auction.

I reconciled cash for the month of May.

Thank You