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Date: September 20, 2022

To: Robert Pontbriand, Town Manager

From: Barbara Tierney, Treasurer/Tax Collec

Re: Report of activities during July and August 2022

Motor Vehicle Commitments 3 and 4 were mailed. Commitment 2 demand bills were sent. Fiscal 2023 real estate and personal property, first quarter collections were processed.

Michelle Bishara is in training for processing of bills along with other office functions now that her hours have increased.

The process of Tax Taking is still ongoing. Demand bills were mailed in July, along with additional attempts to contact residents prior to sending the intent to advertise notifications. This led to \$130,933.05 in collections for Fiscal 2022 Real Estate taxes.

The Intent to advertise letters were mailed August 26, 2022. As of September 12, 2022, additional collections of \$30,374.16 for Fiscal 2022 Real Estate and \$31,294.93 for Fiscal 2019-2021 were received. It also created a platform for residents to communicate with our office regarding plans to work on the payment of delinquent taxes. As of today, there will be 15 properties advertised. This is down from over 30. The advertisement is currently being vetted by the towns tax title attorney and planned for an October advertising.

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

I reconciled cash for the month of June. Receivables are reconciled and the year end process is under way.

The position of Assistant Tax Collector/Treasurer has been filled by Natalie Goodwin. Natalie is from Shirley; and she started with us on August 1, 2022. We are happy to have her on board.

Thank You