

Report of the Town Manager

November 4, 2019

1. Financial Updates-

a. The Tax Collector held an auction on October 23rd on the following properties. The total amount of the realized from the property auction was \$198,000. Past due taxes totaled \$89,866.94

PROPERTY ADDRESS	MAP/LOT	LOT SIZE - ACRE	SELLING PRICE	ASSESSED VALUE	TAX POSSESION AMOUNT	TAX POSSESSION DATE
33 Morse Avenue	5B2-51	0.25	\$33,000	\$114,000	31,699.43	5/21/2018
Morse Avenue	5B2-50	0.11		\$4,500	625.20	5/21/2018
25 Nash Road	4-48	0.87	\$26,000	\$95,000	11,762.72	8/7/2019
122 Hale St	8A1-24	.79	\$57,000	\$127,800	14,186.50	9/27/2018
20 Mechanic St	5B2-77	0.21	\$82,000	\$172,600	31,593.09	4/2/2019
TOTAL			\$198,000		89,866.94	

b. If the Board approves the property values at this evenings Tax Classification Hearing the tax rate should be certified by the middle of November.

2. Personnel Updates-

- a. Matt Barsley has resigned as the Senior Water Operator. An internal ad has been published.
- b. Interviews have been held for the Assistant Tax Collector/Treasurer position.

3. Project Updates-

- a. Demolition of the Diehl property has been temporarily slowed by the discovery of two, 250 gallon oil tanks on the property. The EPA is working with MASSDEP to properly dispose of the contents of the tanks.
- b. The Tighe and Bond contract to study the necessary repairs of the Senior Center has been signed. I am awaiting a date for the project to be scheduled.

4. Miscellaneous Updates –

a. An IT grant to through the Community Compact has been applied for. The grant would fund a document archiving system. This system would allow a central digital records system to be established for all departments to save information into allowing one central file for all town documents. The grant requested \$60,000 in funding.