Treasurer's comments on 2017-18, year-end report

July 23, 2018

The town ended the fiscal year with a surplus of \$32,624.37 in the General Fund due to more income than budgeted, and expenses under budget.

The Highway Fund ended with a quasi-deficit of \$26,793.02, because the town has been awaiting repayment from 2 sources: the State owes Grant reimbursement for work shoring up the bank across from the Handy Road intersection, and FEMA funds are due for the road repairs needed after the July 1, 2017 storm. If either of those payments had arrived on time, there would have been a surplus. Income was over budget due to grant income, however expenses were significantly over budget due to extensive town-wide road maintenance and improvement beyond that necessitated by the July 1, 2017 storm. The overspending consumed the prior year surplus and all additional income. As noted above, the town is still owed funds by the State and FEMA, and when these payments are received, they will be credited to fiscal year 2018-19.

The amount owed for delinquent taxes increased slightly over the course of the year, despite 2 tax sales (which resulted in parcels owned by the town) and just over \$80,000 of delinquent taxes paid. There are only 13 properties showing as delinquent, with 6 below \$10,000, 4 in the \$10,000-\$25,000 range, and 3 exceeding \$45,000. Total delinquent taxes are \$241,071.93.

The town reserves are:

| Fire Department: | | \$411,146 | | |
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| Communications: | | \$ | 15,824 | |
| Highway vehicles: | | \$299,725 | | |
| Highway paving: | | \$111,448 | | |
| Highway bridges: | | \$152,013 | | |
| Library building: | | \$ | 9,116 | |
| Misc small balances: | | \$ | 2,952 | |
| Town buildings: | | \$ | 80,878 | |
| Moore Fund: | | \$ | 31,465 | |
| Labounty trust: | | \$ | 74,780 | |
| Trustee Funds: | | \$ | 34,425 | |
| Rainy Day-General Fund: | \$158,362 | | | |
| -Highway Fund: | | \$2 | 200,533 | |
| Grand total: | \$ 1,582,667 | | | |

Respectfully submitted, Ellen DesMeules, Town Treasurer