

Treasurer's Report

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In July 2017 I held the annual tax sale for properties that had delinquent taxes of two years or more. Ultimately, the Town had to purchase two of the parcels, as there were no other bidders. This seems to be an unfortunate recurring pattern. The Town does not enjoy this process, and would much prefer different circumstances. If you are a property owner with delinquent taxes I urge you to contact me to make payment arrangements. The longer you wait to make arrangements, the higher the possibility is of losing your property.

There still seem to be several homeowners who are confused or misinformed regarding the annual Declaration of Homestead. If you own and occupy your home by April 1, you MUST declare that homestead with the State of VT annually. A couple of years ago the Select Board instituted their right to assess a penalty to parcels who incorrectly file, or fail to file, this annual Homestead Declaration. We have had individuals who have been assessed this penalty come before the Select Board to request relief from the penalty, but have been denied. The Board has made their position clear on this matter. Ignorance of the law will not be considered as reason to waive the fee.

The Town received a bequest of \$25,000 from the Sidney Allen Patridge Revocable Trust. Plans to re-establish a playground at the Common continues to progress.

The North Concord Community Club dissolved and turned over their remaining funds of \$131.04 to the Town. A Fund was established many years ago by this club in which the funds are to be used solely and exclusively for the purposes of maintaining and/or improving the playground and recreation facilities in North Concord. These monies were added to that established fund.

The Treasurer's Office hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. for the months October – April. For the summer months of May – September the office hours are Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. Please do not hesitate to call or e-mail me if those hours are not convenient for you. I meet people at the office outside of those established hours all of the time. I will do my best to accommodate your requests.