

Treasurer's Report

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The annual tax sale was held on August 8, 2023. Real estate in this area has been booming since the onset of the pandemic nearly four years ago now, and the tax sale was the most widely attended I've ever seen. Of the four properties that were up for sale, three were sold. The properties had multiple bidders and sold for quite a bit more than was due in taxes. For any property that is not redeemed, the amount bid over the amount due is forwarded to the delinquent taxpayer. The town does not get to keep those funds. Tax sale is the last resort to collecting delinquent taxes on a property. I would much rather work with taxpayers to achieve an agreeable solution to both parties.

The Overlook Cemetery Association dissolved and turned over the cemetery to the town to operate. The town received a small balance remaining in their operating funds as well as the perpetual care funds. The Concord Village Cemetery Association is in the process of doing the same.

For the last few years the Access Greeter Program run at Miles Pond has received reduced funding from the state. The select board has supported the program by budgeting funds to continue the program without reductions.

This past year I conducted a review of our banking services and rates by soliciting bids from area banks. In the end I decided to leave the town funds with Community Bank N.A. The services they provide and the interest rates we earn with them are superior to others I looked at.

The town received the final payment from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) in 2023. Concord received a total of \$364,475.27. The select board has been reviewing possible uses for these funds. To date \$17,400 has been spent on structural engineering services for the town hall.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or issues you may have. If my office hours are not convenient for you, please contact me and we can schedule an appointment outside of the normal office hours. I am here to serve the townspeople and will do my best to accommodate your schedule by any means possible.

Office hours: Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. Closed Monday and Thursday

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