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Proposed Revenues Budget FY 2020/2021

GENERAL FUND REVENUES

Interest – Property Taxes – The town realized \$15,000 in interest on unpaid property taxes in the previous fiscal year. We filed fewer liens in August of 2019, and tax payments have been pretty steady for the current fiscal year. The 5-year average is \$12,500. The line is proposed to rise by \$1,000 to a \$12,000 budget.

Auto Excise Taxes – It's not clear when the bubble is going to burst on automobile sales, but we have purposely budgeted a little lower than actual just in case. In the previous fiscal year we collected just over \$400,000. The proposed budget is up from the current fiscal year by \$15,000, but still \$25,000 less than the actual for 2019. Current year excise tax collections are running ahead of the previous year, so I am comfortable this figure will be met.

Boat Excise Taxes – I'm not sure why this line fluctuates, but overall, boating seems to be down a bit. A \$500 decrease in the budget is proposed.

Administration Fees – A \$50 decrease in this line is proposed. The 5-year average shows the \$250 budget is warranted.

Tax Lien Charges – These are the charges that offset lien costs in the administration budget. The line is up but offset by the expense line in the administration budget.

Agent Fees – A \$200 increase is proposed. We did increase the automobile registration agent fee by \$1.00 as mandated by the Legislature this year. Because of that, we should capture more revenue in this line.

Revenue Sharing – This is merely a placeholder in the budget. A 10% reduction or so is budgeted, but we won't know what the figures are until next spring. This is not part of the article at town meeting. The estimate is likely low, as the administration seems intent on restoring some of the cuts that came in the previous administration.

General Assistance Reimbursement – This is 50% of the expenditure budget which we get back for any GA expenditures from the state. It is likely more than will be needed.

Interest Investments – While the budget is up \$1,000 from the previous year, we might be able to increase this even more thanks to steady interest rates and more money in the bank. We realized nearly \$26,000 in general interest income in the previous fiscal year. We should have no problem reaching \$16,000 for the coming year.

Cell Tower Rental – This is a contract price from American Tower to lease the cell site at the former landfill lot. We recently had an offer to buy out that lease for more than \$200,000, but future rental income is more than \$500,000 over that time period.

Hodgkins Trust – While no money is proposed from this, we could use \$2,500 from this fund for the proposed kiosk at Marlboro Beach. I would be open to this suggestion.

Surplus Use – Our surplus was very healthy at the end of FY 19 (\$536 and change). We used \$100,000 for the current fiscal year, leaving (conservatively) \$436,000 in undesignated fund balance. With a \$300,000 goal, using \$120,000 in a worst case scenario will meet that goal, and then some.

TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVENUES – The total proposed revenues are up \$24,984.

Code Enforcement Fees – The fees generated by building and other permits have averaged over \$11,000. The proposed figure of \$10,000 should be OK.

CEO Fund Transfer – We used \$2,000 from the CEO fund to offset operational costs. At the end of FY 2019 we had roughly \$63,000 in the fund. That would leave \$58,000 and the proposal is to use \$5,000 which, in a worst case, would reduce the fund to \$53,000.

Plumbing Fees – These fees should match the Plumbing Permit expense line for payment to the LPI and to the State of Maine for their share. The net effect is no income to the town for plumbing permits.

Total CEO Revenue – This is up by \$1,000.

Road Assistance – The proposed budget is up \$2,000 to reflect close to reality of what we receive from the State of Maine.

Road Fund Use – Because of the higher paving cost, \$10,000 is proposed to come from this fund. The balance was \$39,000 at the end of the fiscal year.

Transfer Station Capital Fund – The \$50,000 use matches the proposed capital projects line.

Recreation Fees – The proposed \$2,800 amount comes from the actual amount collected during the fall and winter programs for the current fiscal year.

Animal Control – A \$100 reduction is based on the actual line for FY 19.

Capital Projects Fund – The \$4,000 is meant to offset the proposed budget for the cupola repairs at the town hall.

The total municipal non-tax revenue line is up roughly \$75,000. When applied to the proposed municipal budget increase, the net needed from property tax is \$22,000 more

than the current fiscal year, an increase of 9%. That's 8% of one mill, or \$16.30 more for a property valued at \$200,000.

Respectfully submitted,

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