

FROM: Bill Lawrence, Town Manager  
DATE: September 1, 2017  
TO: Board of Selectmen  
SUBJECT: Manager's Report

**Transfer Station** brought in \$3,792.50 in revenue for the month of August. \$1,223.50 in Demo and \$1,545.00 in small bags were the largest contributors. The Fire Department had washed down the MSW area and did an excellent job and Public Works helped with transporting the backhoe for repairs and changing filters. David said this was greatly appreciated and saved the town money with the Departments working together.

**Code Enforcement** issued 7 building permits and 2 plumbing permits for the month of August. 18 inspections were performed. Melody is making progress on the junkyard on High Street. Several vehicles have been moved but several more are still there. The Planning Board approved 3 lot subdivision for John Hart on Wotton Mill Road.

**Public Works** will be assisting Pike Industries that will be paving Western and Middle roads this week. The crew was also working on Stirling Road and replacing the culverts at the Stirling/Sawyer Cemetery. Snow Plow maintenance continues.

**Property Tax Mill Rate Increase** will be going from 16.2 last year to 17.2 for the current fiscal years. This \$1.00 increase equals \$100.00 per \$100,000 valuation of your property. The Increase is due to several reasons.

- Increase in the RSU 40 budget (Warren's portion) \$82,473
- Increase in the County Budget (Warren's Portion) \$15,909
- Increase in Warren's Budget \$46,329 ( Sandy Shores culver Replacement)
- Loss in taxable value at \$ 4,987,400
- Homestead Exemption went from \$15,000 to 20,000 resulting in a reduction of 86,000 in taxes.

Going forward, our operating budget may decrease next year since Sandy Shores culvert replacement is a onetime deal. With costs rising in utilities, insurance etc. I do not expect the budgets to go down with the county or school. I do believe we must look at ways to increase revenues, decrease cost and increase our tax table to keep the mill rate down.