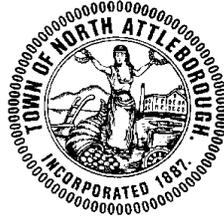


Michael D. Borg
Town Manager



TOWN OF NORTH ATTLEBOROUGH
43 South Washington Street
North Attleborough MA 02760
508-699-0100

INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

DATE: Wednesday, June 07, 2023
TO: Town Council
FROM: Michael D. Borg, Town Manager
RE: Town Manager Report

Below are key activities, that I think would be of interest:

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT - Updates

- None at this time.

COMMUNICATION – Updates

- Congratulations to the NAHS High School Graduates!
- Interview with WARA on Tuesday, June 6, 2023.
- **First Farmers Market of the season is tonight!**
 - Every Wednesday night 5:00PM -8:00PM until September 20, 2023
- **2023 Summer Concert Series**
 - On Thursday Nights at 6:30PM beginning July 13, 2023 through August 17, 2023. (See Schedule Attached)
- **Town Hall Hours will be changing beginning on July 3, 2023**
 - Monday 8-6
 - Tuesday 8-4
 - Wednesday 8-4
 - Thursday 8-4
 - Friday 8-12

OPERATIONS – Updates

- Senior Tax-Work Off Program (See Attached)
- Town Clerk's Office Closed tomorrow 6/8/2023 for Training.
- Elections Office Closed on Friday 6/9/2023 for Training.
- North Attleborough Electric Department
 - Solar Incentives compared to Investor-Owned Utilities (See Attached)
 - Energy Efficiency Program compared to MASS Save (See Attached)
- Downtown Revitalization Opinion Survey in the Foyer at Town Hall at this time.
- 150 Draper Ave. proposal for a 40B Complex. There was a meeting with developer today, June 7, 2023.
- Three Grant Requests were submitted as part of the "One Stop for Community Growth" grant application process. Award notifications will be made in October 2023.

- A grant request for **\$2,550,000 to renovate the Richards Memorial Library**. The town has already committed \$1.25M toward the renovation so the total amount of the renovation will be \$3.8M.
- A grant request for **\$1,495,115 to raze the Webster Mill building** and to safely dispose of the hazardous building materials. The federal EPA awarded a \$1.2M revolving loan fund grant last year which will be used to clean the soil on the site. The town is negotiating with Webster Mill LLC to acquire the site for \$1; we will manage the site renovation project ourselves.
- **\$5,153,487 to renovate the downtown shopping district**. The town has \$1.1M remaining from a Mass Works grant awarded 3 years ago, so the total to renovate the downtown will be about \$6.2M. We will perform many road and sidewalk improvements and rebuild the public parking lot on Church St. The ultimate objective is for our downtown to become a regional shopping destination, with increased handicapped access and affordable housing.
- **Tri-County MSBA Special Election** scheduled for **-October 24, 2023 12:00PM-8:00PM**

FINANCIAL -Updates

- Please see attached monthly Financial Update Executive Summary

PERSONNEL – Updates

- I have received and accepted Frank Ward's retirement request. Frank will retire as our Library Director as of September 6, 2023. We have posted this position and are in the process of finding a replacement.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES- Updates

- **Library Director-Full Time- Richards Memorial Library- Posted 6/1/23- Closes 6/16/23**
- **DPW- Waste Water Treatment Plant- Grade 5 Plant Operator- Posted 5/26/23- Closes 6/16/23**
- **Seasonal Opportunities**
- Many School Department Opportunities: Please visit the website for more information: <https://www.nattleboro.com/Jobs.aspx>



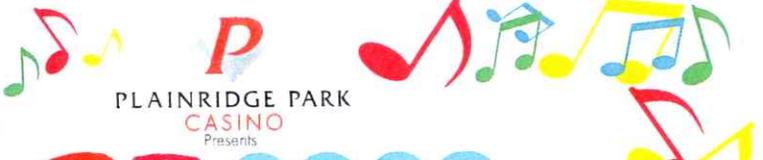
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Memorandum

Date: May 15, 2023
To: All Department Directors
From: Pamela Hunt
Council on Aging

The Senior Tax Work Off Program for 2023 is about to get underway! Through this program, town departments can benefit from the significant professional and life experience of our community's senior citizens.

This year senior volunteers will be able to dedicate volunteer service to the town from July 10 to October 20, 2023. Each volunteer will be carefully screened and matched as closely as possible, in terms of life, professional and volunteer experience, to positions within town departments. Each volunteer must work 50 hours over a 15-week period to qualify for the \$750.00 towards their property tax bill. Some volunteers work for two Departments to get 50 hours completed.

If you are interested in acquiring a Senior Tax Work Off Program volunteer, please take a few moments to complete the attached Department Request Form and return it to me **no later than Friday June 26th**.

I will forward volunteers' names to you so that you may personally interview candidates. If the volunteers meet with your expectations, they may be placed in your department to start work on July 10th. I cannot guarantee that you will be able to have the same senior volunteer as last year as I only have twenty slots and NEW participants are selected first. I will do my best to work with you to meet your department's needs.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this matter. Please call me at 508-699-0131 if you have any further questions.



North Attleborough Electric Departments Solar Incentives compared to Investor Owned Utilities:

NAED's electric service rates are some of the lowest in the state, and approximately half of National Grid's current service rate; fifteen cents per kilowatt hour vs. thirty cents or more. Over the winter, National Grid's rates touched 48 cents. NAED allows customers to install solar, and offers a rebate of up to \$3000 for installations that are in compliance with our net metering policy. Most installers of solar will speak with customers and inform them that their project is not a high value proposition due to NAED's policies. What they are really alluding to is it will take longer to pay for itself because of NAED's already low service rates. For example, a \$20,000 project may take 11-13 years to payback in NAED territory where it would take ~7 years to payback in National Grid territory simply because their electric bills are much lower in North Attleborough. Residents of NA can take advantage of a 30% federal tax credit, \$1000 MA State Tax Credit, and up to \$3000 rebate from NAED to offset their project costs. NAED does not assess an energy efficiency or solar surcharge unlike National Grid which has a slew of charges to support these programs.

North Attleborough Electric Departments Energy Efficiency Program compared to MASS Save:

MassSave is a program funded through customers rates at IOU's (Investor Owned Utilities) such as National Grid, Eversource, Liberty Gas, etc. This is a Department of Public Utility order that IOU's must participate in, where Municipal Light Plant's such as NAED do not in the spirit of local control. Most IOU customers are unaware that they pay over 2 cents per kilowatt hour for these programs. There is a State requirement for NAED to spend a minimum (0.5% of Residential Revenue) on such Energy Efficiency programs which we exceed annually. The difference is our Electric Rates, Service, and Reliability. Our rate this winter was under 16 cents where National Grid saw rates over 45 cents per kilowatt hour. Our rates have been the same since October 2018. We offer in person and live customer service, and our Reliability is in the top 10% of the Country.

We have looked into joining MassSave, however the cost to do so would raise our rates by at least 10%, likely much higher, for all customers since we'd be self-funding those rebates. There are 41 MLP's across MA, and we get together to discuss programs to bolster our offerings, but with the impact to residents in mind as well as maintaining local control for our unique communities. As a side note, RI Energy (formerly National Grid) is an IOU and they have limited their incentives on Heat Pumps as well.

If you are a gas customer in addition to NAED, you would be eligible for MassSave through your gas provider.

Peter Schiffman
General Manager
North Attleborough Electric Department
275 Landry Avenue
North Attleborough, MA 02760

Michael D. Borg
Town Manager



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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

DATE: Wednesday, June 07, 2023
TO: North Attleborough Town Council
FROM: Michael D. Borg, Town Manager
SUBJECT: Monthly Financial Update Executive Summary

1. **Department Spending** – At this point in the fiscal year (FY) all departments are on glide path to year end closeout. No departments are in jeopardy of being underfunded for requirements or overspending. Some Departments are carrying encumbrances in the books and need to close them out. For example, Snow and Ice are holding encumbrances pushing them above 100% but will close out at or under their allocated budget for the year. The Town Attorney line item will require additional funding to cover legal expenses for the year. Municipal End-of-Year Transfers will be presented to the Town Council on 12 JUN 23.
2. **Property Tax Revenue** – Collection year over year is tracking 93.73% of the net Levy allowable. These figures do not include collections for the months of May and June which have traditionally brought in revenue close to \$3mm in that 2-month period. No issues or concerns noted for property tax collection at this time.
3. **Motor Vehicle Excise** - Collections are running in cadence with previous years and currently at 96.9% of budgeted amount. Collections in the last 2 months of the year have average close to \$500,000 and should push us slightly above the budgeted goal.
4. **Municipal Lien Certificates (MLCs)** – MLCs are provided as an indicator of financial trends and reflect home sales in Town. The current trend reflects a tight market with limited inventory and prices retaining their elevated levels.

Very respectfully,

Michael D. Borg
Town Manager
North Attleborough, MA

Town of North Attleborough
Expense percentages as of June 3, 2023

ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	ORIGINAL APPROP	% USED
TOWN COUNCIL	\$ 12,000.00	89.10
TOWN MANAGER	489,841.00	91.70
RESERVE FUND	150,000.00	11.60
ACCOUNTANT	287,282.00	88.90
TOWN AUDIT	58,000.00	87.40
ASSESSORS	251,435.00	91.30
TREASURER	377,948.00	89.50
COLLECTOR	223,786.00	89.80
INTEREST ON ABATEMENTS	2,000.00	0.00
TOWN ATTORNEY	150,000.00	100.00
HUMAN RESOURCES	312,543.00	90.50
IT DEPARTMENT	971,067.00	84.60
TAX TITLE FORECLOSURE	30,000.00	72.70
TOWN CLERK	104,358.00	87.60
ELECTIONS	212,831.00	90.60
CONSERVATION	137,390.00	82.60
PLANNING DEPARTMENT	110,099.00	90.50
ZONING BOARD	14,033.00	89.50
PUBLIC BUILDINGS & PROPERT	218,150.00	72.70
POLICE DEPARTMENT	6,444,115.00	77.50
FIRE DEPARTMENT	4,584,988.00	89.50
AMBULANCE SERVICE	1,685,667.00	91.10
BUILDING INSPECTOR	294,783.00	89.20
WEIGHTS & MEASURES	9,500.00	100.00
ANIMAL CONTROL	186,907.00	92.10
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT	47,276,274.00	86.80
TRICOUNTY REGIONAL HIGH SC	3,638,112.00	100.00
DPW ADMINISTRATION	299,841.00	90.40
HIGHWAY	1,269,423.00	92.70
SNOW & ICE	250,000.00	361.80
STREET/TRAFFIC LIGHTING	150,000.00	76.00
HEALTH DEPARTMENT	354,879.00	86.70
COUNCIL ON AGING	245,166.00	91.90
VETERANS SERVICES	526,650.00	54.30
LIBRARY	699,297.00	86.60
POOL & BEACHES	166,331.00	74.70
PARKS	587,821.00	88.90
HISTORICAL COMMISSION	3,000.00	5.60
LONG TERM DEBT	4,175,576.00	98.30
INTEREST ON SHORT TERM DEB	90,000.00	0.60
STATE	5,494,225.00	72.90
COUNTY	450,619.00	100.00
RETIREMENT & PENSION	3,630,326.00	100.20
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	150,000.00	64.30
HEALTH INSURANCE	11,060,959.00	87.40
LIFE INSURANCE	23,472.00	90.80
MEDICARE	825,000.00	95.30
LIABILITY INSURANCE	927,015.00	91.90
INSURANCE	105,000.00	11.50
SALARY RESERVE	1,286,551.00	84.00
Expense Total	<u>\$ 101,004,260.00</u>	88.30

PROPERTY TAX REVENUE
COMPARISON PERIOD TO DATE

5/31/2023

	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
JUL	\$9,890,496.19	\$9,856,452.33	\$11,803,622.55	\$13,166,085.41	\$12,623,930.72	\$12,877,233.19	\$13,908,934.50
AUG	\$1,990,871.36	\$2,434,568.46	\$2,287,605.50	\$1,641,384.49	\$3,027,951.68	\$3,188,605.92	\$2,549,725.83
SEP	\$284,847.20	\$261,755.97	\$328,274.82	\$412,087.10	\$695,211.53	\$441,858.95	\$347,079.81
OCT	\$4,623,006.16	\$9,500,367.00	\$10,988,336.76	\$11,891,291.80	\$11,092,004.28	\$11,677,694.17	\$4,842,788.76
NOV	\$6,217,346.34	\$1,593,689.34	\$1,578,833.49	\$1,410,686.64	\$2,417,335.94	\$2,486,616.64	\$9,704,792.63
DEC	\$98,946.37	\$794,219.67	\$320,482.72	\$325,562.01	\$72,529.43	\$300,942.54	\$560,647.60
JAN	\$10,936,145.66	\$10,567,340.30	\$13,612,829.53	\$13,425,710.22	\$13,328,592.65	\$14,799,976.62	\$6,811,791.29
FEB	\$1,931,735.93	\$2,411,419.62	\$2,114,749.29	\$2,011,929.71	\$3,292,279.12	\$2,788,242.38	\$11,043,445.49
MAR	\$379,965.37	\$440,347.44	\$325,379.20	\$393,452.87	\$528,685.94	\$415,469.36	\$688,499.11
APR	\$9,505,942.64	\$9,065,188.19	\$10,706,008.76	\$10,133,588.76	\$4,942,756.10	\$12,465,058.70	\$11,699,008.07
MAY	\$1,834,683.77	\$2,216,253.80	\$3,285,538.16	\$2,938,559.36	\$9,481,014.54	\$2,320,229.13	\$0.00
JUN	\$382,044.71	\$469,432.52	\$39,907.37	\$1,417,892.24	\$766,484.54	\$437,467.24	\$0.00
Property Tax Revenue	48,054,031.69	49,590,044.64	57,391,568.15	59,167,230.61	62,288,776.47	64,199,394.84	62,156,713.09
Tax Title Revenue	\$498,770.33	\$274,325.64	\$199,633.38	\$217,015.06	\$296,548.20	\$363,382.52	\$310,207.15

Property Tax & Tax Title Revenue	48,552,802.02	49,864,370.28	57,591,201.53	59,384,245.67	62,585,324.67	64,562,777.36	62,466,920.24
Gross Tax Levy (Recap)	48,844,432.51	50,440,246.78	58,702,980.16	60,772,302.01	62,859,229.07	65,551,409.04	67,650,498.00
Overlay Reserve	749,982.13	691,082.78	674,567.19	856,452.01	1,217,300.07	1,202,317.04	1,337,782.00
Net Tax Levy	48,094,450.38	49,749,164.00	58,028,412.97	59,915,850.00	61,641,929.00	64,349,092.00	66,312,716.00
Amount Collected during FY including Tax Title Receipts	\$48,552,802.02	\$49,864,370.28	\$57,591,201.53	\$59,384,245.67	\$62,585,324.67	\$64,562,777.36	\$62,466,920.24

% of Gross Levy	99.40%	98.86%	98.11%	97.72%	99.53%	98.49%	92.34%
% of Net Levy	100.95%	100.23%	99.25%	99.11%	101.50%	100.33%	94.20%
% of Gross Levy without Tax Title Receipts	98.36%	98.31%	97.77%	97.36%	99.06%	97.94%	91.88%
% of Net Levy without Tax Title Receipts	99.92%	99.68%	98.90%	98.75%	101.02%	99.77%	93.73%

Christopher L. Sweet

MOTOR VEHICLE COLLECTION REVENUE
COMPARISON PERIOD TO DATE

5/31/2023

	FY 2017 Net Total	FY 2018 Net Total	FY 2019 Net Total	FY 2020 Net Total	FY 2021 Net Total	FY 2022 Net Total	FY 2023 Net Total
JUL	\$152,276.48	\$70,199.36	\$127,509.84	\$250,866.70	\$79,707.06	\$91,843.44	\$238,081.08
AUG	\$143,056.40	\$162,535.92	\$130,196.39	\$109,568.99	\$127,540.88	\$190,859.62	\$73,055.49
SEP	\$77,556.31	\$111,780.98	\$119,988.00	\$153,519.39	\$136,776.06	\$125,538.47	\$152,453.34
OCT	\$100,368.11	\$69,313.79	\$46,633.34	\$81,177.36	\$8,501.52	\$63,850.48	\$53,665.82
NOV	\$86,598.79	\$133,246.51	\$113,410.26	\$159,988.82	\$145,330.10	\$118,124.06	\$127,043.19
DEC	\$84,079.94	\$76,472.30	\$103,853.61	\$64,958.70	\$100,777.21	\$44,437.97	\$37,873.06
JAN	\$32,081.16	\$26,228.36	\$32,922.74	\$32,727.05	\$24,231.35	\$45,601.48	\$99,774.56
FEB	\$119,701.09	\$112,400.07	\$91,301.78	\$177,467.73	\$124,041.35	\$101,315.74	\$168,569.95
MAR	\$2,447,591.63	\$2,644,093.67	\$2,479,842.23	\$2,383,635.47	\$2,804,566.96	\$2,641,741.44	\$2,572,117.47
APR	\$382,236.53	\$212,569.01	\$414,712.19	\$564,788.57	\$173,791.81	\$433,280.26	\$352,457.18
MAY	\$312,057.58	\$480,128.40	\$451,592.97	\$410,318.27	\$112,182.06	\$473,069.29	\$0.00
JUN	\$386,409.47	\$189,571.28	\$137,639.69	\$202,497.99	\$700,206.90	\$130,883.75	\$0.00
Budget	4,095,750.00	4,200,000.00	4,265,000.00	4,200,000.00	3,839,800.00	4,000,000.00	4,000,000.00
	104.1%	101.6%	99.6%	109.3%	113.0%	111.5%	96.9%

Amounts are Net of ...

Christopher L. Sweet

Municipal Lien Certificates

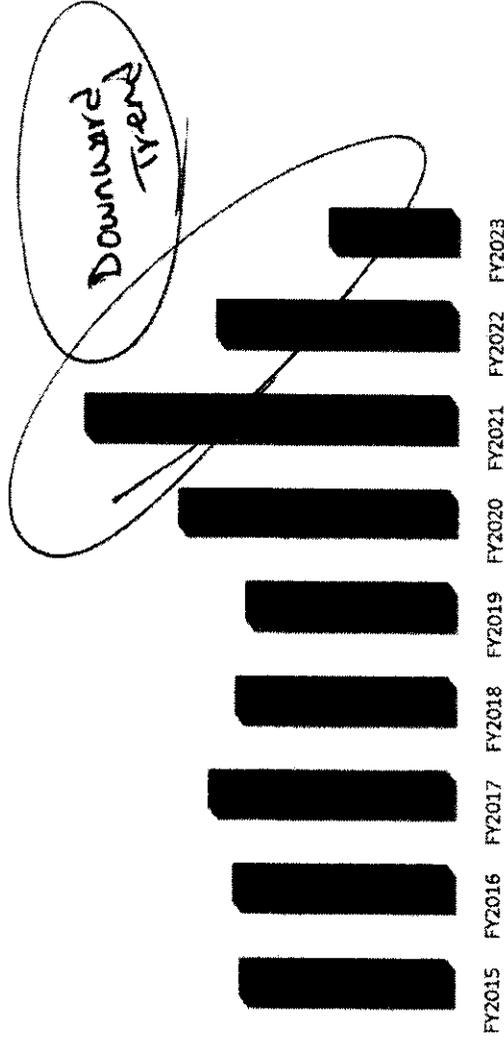
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Christopher Sweet

	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023
July	203	123	78
August	166	131	66
September	164	95	52
October	110	96	54
November	152	100	43
December	139	64	40
January	78	67	43
February	151	42	20
March	151	96	64
April	108	74	30
May	94	82	50
June	96	61	0
	1,612	1,031	540
	@ \$50	\$ 80,600	\$ 51,550
			\$ 27,000

Year-over-year '22 vs. '23
 \$14 to 540 -33.7%

FY2023 Annualized = 589



1,800
1,600
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FY2015 FY2016 FY2017 FY2018 FY2019 FY2020 FY2021 FY2022 FY2023